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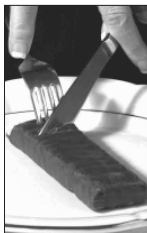


PHOTOS BY NEIL JONES/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Left: Sgt. Joel Kaye, a military police investigator with the 88th MP detachment at Camp Zama, Japan, provides security for soldiers during an exercise earlier this month in Mongolia. U.S. Army MPs joined participants from Britain, France, China and Mongolia for the first of its kind peacekeeping training. Above: Mongolian army conscripts line a parade field during the opening ceremony for the exercise.

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States

Punch-card lawsuit: The number of punch-card votes not counted because of old or malfunctioning equipment may be small but could affect a close election like the one expected Nov. 2, a civil rights lawyer said Monday in the first punch-card system challenge to go to trial.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio will show that the state's punch-card machines are not uniform and in several counties they are antiquated and could allow voters to correct mistakes, ACLU attorney Paul Mokey said in his opening statement in U.S. District Court.

Business

Google value: Google Inc. said Monday it would sell 24.6 million shares in its initial public offering at an estimated price range of \$108 to \$135 per share, giving a long-awaited indication of what the leading Internet search company believes it is worth.

Those numbers would value the shares being offered in the IPO, which is expected to happen in August, at \$2.66 billion to \$3.32 billion. However, the amount the company itself expects to raise is \$1.66 billion, because some of the shares are being sold by existing stockholders.

Overall, Google, which is offering only 9 percent of its stock in the IPO, would have a market capitalization of \$29 billion to \$36 billion, counting shares held by insiders.

World

Israeli barrier: Israel's Defense Ministry has mapped out a new route for the separation barrier it is building in the West Bank, complying with a Supreme Court ruling that the original route infringed on Palestinian rights, security officials said Monday.

The new line includes significant changes and runs closer to the so-called Green Line, the frontier between Israel and the West Bank until the 1967 Mideast war, the officials said on condition of anonymity.

In 1967, Israel captured the West Bank from Jordan and the Gaza Strip from Egypt. Palestinians want to establish an independent state on the captured lands.

Nuclear whistle-blower: Israel's Supreme Court upheld on Monday security restrictions placed on nuclear whistle-blower Mordechai Vanunu, limiting his movements and the things he is allowed to say.

Vanunu completed an 18-year prison



Glad to be home: Abdul Ghafoor Mahboob, of Culver City, Calif., hugs his mother, Shabbibi, at Los Angeles International Airport on Sunday, upon returning home from Egypt. Mahboob, an American Muslim citizen, said he had been detained and beaten by Egyptian security at Cairo Airport without explanation since July 16. Mahboob, 26, said he was on his way home after spending the last seven months studying Arabic when he was detained.

term in April, but Israel's security establishment decided the man who revealed Israel's nuclear secrets would not be allowed to leave the country or speak to the foreign media, saying he still has state secrets to reveal.

Asian bird flu: The European Union extended a ban Monday on imports of poultry products and pet birds from nine Asian countries that were hardest hit by an outbreak of bird flu earlier this year.

The European Commission said the extension would cover imports from Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Pakistan, China, South Korea and Vietnam until Dec. 15.

German tailgating case: A lawyer for a DaimlerChrysler engineer convicted of causing the death of a young woman and her daughter through high-speed tailgating asked for the man's acquittal Monday, arguing at an appeal hearing that his client's identity was mistaken.

Rolf Fischer, 35, could not have been behind the wheel of the Mercedes that caused the crash, lawyer Georg Prasser said in closing arguments before a state court in the

southern German city of Karlsruhe.

Prosecutors argued Fischer had more than enough time to have been at the accident site and cited witnesses who described seeing his car at the scene and speeding away.

Bali appeal: Indonesia said Monday that a court ruling curbing the retroactive use of a tough anti-terror law had hampered the case against the alleged leader of the al-Qaida-linked Jemaah Islamiyah terror group.

"We face a difficult situation," said Justice Minister Yusril Mahendra. "The criminal code does not stipulate facilitating [terror] as a crime."

He said militant cleric Abu Bakar Bashir also might be tried under a 1951 emergency law on illegal possession and use of explosives.

Police have accused Bashir of involvement in the Oct. 12, 2002, Bali blasts, which killed 202 people, though formal charges against him have yet to be filed.

Authorities had planned to charge him with violating the anti-terror law, which was passed in the months after the Bali blasts.

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Navy's top doc leaves 'world class' legacy

BY SANDRA JONTZ
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — When Navy Surgeon General Vice Adm. Michael Cowan leaves his post Aug. 4, he'll leave knowing he helped place small teams of surgeons right on the battlefield, put prenatal care in the forefront of Navy obstetrics and helped slim down sailors, who make up the largest group of obese active members.

But after three years as the surgeon general of the Navy at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Cowan, who retires next week, calls the Navy's Force Health Protection strategy his most important accomplishment.

"Military medicine, and Navy medicine ... really transformed from a huge emphasis on periodic, episodic reactive care to an emphasis on what we call 'Force Health Protection,'" Cowan, 59, said.

"Force Health Protection says it's not enough to take the sick or injured person, make them well, and then turn back. That's what we really do to build a really healthy and fit soldier so they can go and be persistent on the battlefield."

And for Cowan, that means preventive medicine and health-care clinics, "world class" well-being

for families left at home, anti-smoking campaigns and exercise programs.



Cowan

On the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan, the Navy has Forward Resuscitative Surgical Systems, surgeons who operate out the back of souped-up Humvees, providing treatment in what emergency medical professionals call the "golden hour," the first hour after a traumatic injury when immediate medical attention dramatically increases the chances of survival, he said.

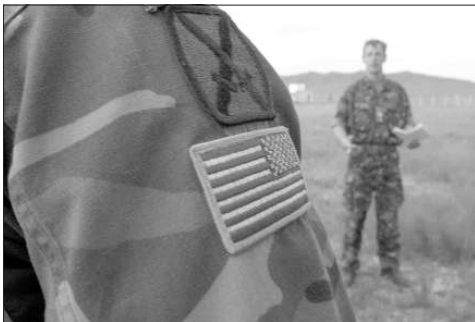
And the Navy also has deployed the Expeditionary Medical Unit, a new treatment facility that can be tailor-made to fit myriad missions. Cowan started programs to get sailors and their families in better shape. "Percentage-wise, we have more active-duty sailors who are overweight than the other services, but not by a lot."

He has accepted a job as senior vice president for health care at Redwood Shores, Calif.-based contractor Oracle Corp. Rear Adm. Donald Arthur, who comes from National Naval Medical Center, in Bethesda, Md., will replace him.

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Correction

A photo caption for a story in Sunday's edition about Army liaison officers in Japan gave the incorrect location for one liaison. Maj. Frank Clark is the Northeastern Army liaison.



PHOTOS BY NEIL JONES/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Above: A British army officer conducts an after-action review with a U.S. soldier during an exercise earlier this month in Mongolia. Right: A Chinese peacekeeper calls in for a medical evacuation. U.S. Army MPs joined participants from Britain, France, China and Mongolia for peacekeeping training.



Army MPs join Mongolia exercise

Security Council peacekeepers prepare for future joint operations

BY JULIANA GITTIER
Stars and Stripes

CAMP ZAMA, Japan — Ten Japan-based U.S. Army MPs participated in the first multinational peacekeeping training mission designed to bring together the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council.

The exercise, held earlier this month in Mongolia and organized by Britain, was designed to prepare peacekeepers for future multinational security operations.

U.S. military police trained with Chinese civilian police and soldiers from Britain, France and Mongolia.

Troops from Russia, the fifth permanent member of the Security Council, were expected but were unable to come, according to the British newspaper The Guardian.

Mongolia is not a permanent member of the council.

The exercise was designed to help future peacekeepers overcome the training and doctrinal differences among countries, said Capt. Joshua Hamilton, commander of the 88th MP detachment at Camp Zama.

Zama MPs joined members of the 247th MP detachment from Okinawa for the training.

Participants practiced peacekeeping operations such as manning checkpoints, reacting to ambushes and improvised explosives and creating a quick-reaction force.

U.S. soldiers praised the training and the Mongolian training camp — which featured

portable bathrooms with flush toilets and sinks.

The hosts entertained visiting troops with traditional horse dancing, sports such as archery and wrestling and delicacies such as fermented horse milk.

"It tastes like vinegar," said Sgt. Michael Blume, desk sergeant. "They tried to make a point of showing us the culture."

They heard Mongolian "throat singing," in which singers carry two notes at once, and experienced nomadic tent houses called gerts.

The also experienced the vast sweep of the world's highest desert.

"Once you leave the city, it's nothing but mountains," said Staff Sgt. Jason Hathaway, dog handler for explosives. "The countryside was beautiful."

The training didn't have any setbacks, but most soldiers suffered through stomach ailments and faced death weaving through traffic on the roads, according to several service members.

The training did give them many chances to interact with other countries through age-old military traditions such as trading patches and gear and playing sports.

"It was a great experience," said Sgt. Joel Kaye, an MP investigator. "I had fun working with all the different countries."

Britain paid for the exercise and the transportation for Chinese participants — the first time China joined a multinational training mission outside its borders. The Guardian reported.

Chinese forces have joined about a dozen U.N. peacekeeping missions since signing a U.N. peacekeeping agreement in 2002, according to Chinese defense leaders.

Mongolian peacekeepers have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and the other participants serve in multinational peacekeeping efforts around the world.

The U.S. soldiers said during the training they learned peacekeeping strategies that Britain developed in Northern Ireland and riot-control strategies used by French forces during mass protests.

They also learned much about China and Mongolia.

"I was very impressed with the Mongolian army," Hathaway said.

"I think some of the French civil disturbance techniques were very effective."

He was most interested in interacting with Chinese forces, "because we hardly ever get to," he said.

Some of the troops' best memories came from unique experiences, like a pool table in the middle of a plain or human telephone booths, where people stood holding cellular phones for rent on the roadside.

"I've never seen anything quite like it," Blume said.

The trip aside, he said the highlight was the training.

"The training was very good. If I had a chance to go back I would."

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AAFES lets Zama customers sound off

BY JULIANA GITTIER
Stars and Stripes

CAMP ZAMA, Japan — Customers once told Army Air Force Exchange managers there wasn't enough selection in DVDs.

Managers responded by expanding the Power Zone entertainment section in the exchange and adding more movies.

Ask and you shall receive — or at least be heard: That's the ratio-

nale behind a monthly Meet the Manager program that puts store officials, including general manager Lorenzo Salgado, inside the exchange where customers can meet them and have requests heard.

"This is a program that AAFES has," Salgado said. "We're trying to provide the best customer service that we can."

For two hours each month, Sal-

gado or another manager will stand by to listen to requests and feedback.

"It's an effective means of answering questions that our customers have," he said. "It gives them an opportunity to meet the manager and discuss anything."

Customers also can use comment cards to make suggestions or complaints.

The more people respond with

feedback of any kind, the better the store can meet its customers' needs, Salgado said.

The next Meet the Manager session will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Future sessions, all at the Camp Zama Post Exchange, will be Aug. 11, noon to 2 p.m.; Aug. 21, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; and Aug. 25, noon to 2 p.m.

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Suicide bomb near U.S. base in Mosul kills 3

BY RAVI NESSMAN
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A Chevrolet packed with explosives, mortars and rockets exploded Monday outside a U.S. base in the northern city of Mosul in a suicide attack that killed an Iraqi guard, a woman and a child and injured three U.S. soldiers.

The bombing came as two new hostage crises erupted, with one group claiming to have passed a death sentence to two Pakistani captives and another threatening to kill two Jordanians.

The abductions were the latest in a spate of kidnappings carried out in recent days designed to pressure countries to withdraw their troops and scare foreign contractors away as U.S. and Iraqi forces struggle to put down a 15-month violent insurgency that has caused chaos throughout the country.

Insurgents also have targeted leaders in the interim government, and on Monday gunmen ambushed a senior Interior Ministry official and two bodyguards in a drive-by shooting outside the official's home in Baghdad, killing all three men, the Interior Ministry said.

The attack in Mosul happened about 8 a.m. when a suicide bomber drove a maroon Chevrolet Caprice toward an airport converted into a U.S. military base and detonated a car bomb, said U.S. military spokeswoman Capt. Angela M. Bowman.

"Four cars were totally burned," said base employee Sami Onari. "I saw two people

lying on the ground."

U.S. bomb disposal experts were sent to defuse the unexploded munitions, she said.

Mosul has been the scene of numerous terrorist attacks. The last major attack was June 24, when insurgents blew up four car bombs, killing more than 60 people, the military said.

In Baghdad, gunmen killed Col. Musab al-Awadi, the Interior Ministry's deputy chief of tribal affairs, and two of his guards in a drive-by shooting outside al-Awadi's home in the al-Bayra neighborhood, according to Sabah Kadhim, an Interior Ministry spokesman.

Al-Awadi had been forced to retire from the police force in 1979 because of his connection to the opposition Shiite Dawia party. He was appointed to his new post after the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime last year, said Col. Adnan Abdel Rahman, an Interior Ministry spokesman.

Al-Awadi's family believed he was targeted because his brother Rassim is a senior member of interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's Iraqi National Accord, said his son, Dureid al-Awadi. Since taking office June 28, Allawi has received a series of death threats from insurgents.

Meanwhile, a wave of kidnappings escalated.

A group calling itself the Islamic Army in Iraq released a video Monday announcing it had kidnapped two Pakistanis and passed a death sentence against them in part because of Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's statements about the possibility of



Cars drive past an American security checkpoint set up to detect threats and to help curb violence in Baghdad. A new wave of violence swept Iraq on Monday as insurgents detonated a car bomb near a U.S. base, killing three people, and assassinated an Iraqi official.

sending troops to Iraq.

The group did not say when it would kill the men.

The Pakistani government had declared the two men, Raja Aziz, 49, an engineer, and Sajad Naeem, 29, a driver, missing over the weekend.

In a separate abduction, a group calling itself the Mujah-

deen Corps, announced it was holding two Jordanian drivers and demanded their Jordanian company stop cooperating with U.S. forces and cease doing business here or they would kill the hostages in 72 hours.

Other video footage released Monday showed a third group of kidnappers, who were holding

three Indians, three Kenyans and an Egyptian, extending a deadline for the men.

The masked kidnappers did not say how long the deadline had been extended.

In other violence, gunmen in Basra killed two Iraqi women Monday who were working as cleaners with British forces, police Lt. Col. Ali Kadhim said.

Egyptian diplomat freed

BAGHDAD — An Egyptian diplomat held hostage by militants in Iraq for three days was released Monday and was in good condition, Egyptian diplomats said.

Mohammed Mamdouh Helmi Qutb, the third highest-ranking diplomat at the Egyptian mission here, was abducted Friday as he was leaving a mosque. Militants said they had taken him to deter Egypt from sending security experts to the new Iraq government.

An Egyptian Foreign Ministry official said on condition of anonymity that Qutb was freed after successful negotiations.

From The Associated Press

U.S. presses NATO to hasten training of Iraqi armed forces

BY PAUL GEITNER

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The stepped up pressure Monday on NATO to get moving on a promised mission to train Iraq's armed forces, which has been held up by French-led resistance to doing it in-side the country.

"NATO needs to act quickly to give the Iraqi government and people the support they so desperately need," U.S. Ambassador to NATO Nicholas Burns, two days before the alliance's policy-making body was to take up the request.

NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer said he "strongly hopes" ambassadors will agree "this week" on how to carry out training "in Iraq and outside Iraq," which was pledged by NATO leaders at a summit last month in Turkey.

So far NATO's role has been limited to providing logistical backup to the Polish-led multinational division working with the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq.

"I agree wholeheartedly with the NATO secretary general that the alliance should decide this week to establish a NATO training mission in Iraq," Burns said in his statement. "That is what our leaders decided in Istanbul."

The issue is touchy, though, because French Presi-

dent Jacques Chirac made clear at the summit he did not want a visible NATO presence inside Iraq.

Chirac suggested the training be done outside the country or be handled by nations on a bilateral level. U.S. officials say a meaningful training operation must include NATO involvement on the ground in Iraq.

Diplomats in Brussels were divided on whether the differences would escalate into another Franco-U.S. clash or a compromise could be found, such as setting up a presence in Iraq but without a NATO flag.

Another trans-Atlantic dispute over whether extra troops to help protect October presidential elections in Afghanistan could come from NATO's new rapid response force — was fanned last week with language that allowed each side to claim victory.

The Italian battalion being sent is normally assigned to the elite force. Burns hailed it as the first deployment, but NATO noted only that the battalion was "an element" of the force — and was unclear Monday whether the Italians would be replaced while they were in Afghanistan.

France and other NATO members argued the force should be saved for emergencies, not used for peacekeeping. Washington had pressed the idea as a way for European allies to stretch their troop commitments.

Carrier gets warm welcome



Amy Castello, center, yells for her sister, Petty Officer 2nd Class Annela Auger, as the USS George Washington docks on pier 12 of Norfolk Naval Station in Norfolk, Va., on Monday. The carrier and its sailors spent months supporting Navy pilots during the Iraq war.

Iraq wary of normalizing ties with Israel

BY SAM F. GHATTAS
The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Moving to open up to Iraq's fellow Arabs, its interim prime minister on Monday sought to calm Arab suspicions that Baghdad may be breaking ranks and normalizing relations with Israel, saying his country would not do so before other Arabs make the move as part of a Mideast settlement.

Ayad Allawi also denied reports that Israelis are operating in Iraq and said a new passport policy does not mean Iraqis can travel to the Jewish state.

Arab media and individuals have long speculated that the United States invaded Iraq to weaken a state seen as a threat to Israel and to allow Israel to make inroads in the Arab world. Toppled Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein had been a vocal opponent of Israel and funded hard-line Palestinian groups.

Further fueling the suspicion about Israeli involvement were recent reports, mostly in Arab media, that Israel has established a presence in Iraq.

"Future relations with Israel

are determined by two issues: international resolutions and a just and comprehensive peace that has been adopted by Arab leadership, including the Palestinian leadership. Iraq will not take any unilateral action on a settlement with Israel outside those two frameworks," Allawi said.

He described as "absolutely false" Arab media reports that Israeli intelligence agents were operating out of Iraq.

"We regrettably hear reports in the Arab press that there are 10,000 Israelis and stories that Iraq is being used as a base for Is-

raeli intelligence — this is inaccurate and false," he said.

"Iraq and its territory will not be a base for any action hostile to any Arab country."

The Israeli angle was played up again in newspaper reports Monday. Ashraf al-Awsi, a Saudi-owned pan-Arab daily, reported in a banner front-page headline that "Iraq cancels ban on travel to Israel."

It quoted the Passport Office director in its report on deleting the phrase in Iraqi passports that read: "allowed to travel to all world countries except Israel."

Allawi said this was nonsense. He said an Iraqi government decision to remove the names of black-listed countries from new passports was misconstrued as permission to visit Israel.

"Our situation [now] is similar to any other Arab country," Allawi said, adding that it is up to authorities to decide whether the travel ban has been violated.

Although it stayed on the sidelines, Israel was a strong supporter of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. Saddam fired Scud missiles on Tel Aviv during the 1991 Persian Gulf War that evicted Iraqi forces from Kuwait.

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Saddam writing poetry in prison, paper reports

BY ROBERT BARR
The Associated Press

LONDON — Saddam Hussein appears depressed and demoralized in solitary confinement, spending his time writing poetry, tending a garden and reading the Quran, according to a report published Monday in The Guardian newspaper.

One of Saddam's poems is about George Bush, though the report did not specify whether that referred to President Bush or his father, Saddam's foe in the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

The newspaper quoted Bakhtiar Amin, the human rights minister in the new Iraqi government, who said he had visited Saddam's cell on Saturday. Amin said he did not speak to the former Iraqi leader.

Bakhtiar said Saddam appeared "in good health and being kept in good conditions," but he "appeared demoralized and dejected," The Guardian reported.

Saddam's air-conditioned cell in a U.S. military prison is 10 feet wide and 13 feet long, Amin said. Saddam is not allowed to mix with other prisoners.

Amin had little to report on Sad-

dam's poetry. "One of the poems is about George Bush, but I had no time to read it," Amin said.

He reported that Saddam was being treated for high blood pressure and a chronic prostate infection, and was gaining weight after losing 11 pounds during a time when he resisted all fatty foods.

Saddam and other detainees

get an MRE (Meals, Ready to Eat) breakfast, and hot food twice a day, Amin said. Dessert include oranges, apples, pears or plums, but Saddam also

likes American muffins and cookies. The Guardian quoted Amin as saying.

Saddam is not allowed newspapers, TV or radio, but has access to 145 books — mostly travel books and novels — donated by the Red Cross.

Amin said Saddam tends a garden during his daily three-hour exercise period.



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Death toll from Asia monsoon tops 1,000

BY AJAI SINGH
The Associated Press

PATNA, India — Authorities recovered more than 100 bodies in eastern India while flooding, disease and snakebites killed another 58 people across Bangladesh, officials said Monday, as the toll from monsoon flooding across South Asia crossed 1,000.

The decomposed bodies started surfacing in India's Bihar state as floodwaters began to recede after four days without rain, said Upendra Sharma, a deputy secretary in the state's relief and rehabilitation department. He put the death toll in the state to 485 since June.

In the northeastern Assam state, rescuers recovered seven more bodies Monday after a boat capsized, police said. Ten bodies were pulled from the site on Sunday. The boat was crammed with passengers, ferrying them to safety, when it flipped over.

The new deaths in Bangladesh came as rivers around the capital Dhaka burst their banks, leaving 40 percent of the city of 10 million people under water. Parts of the central business district and two upscale residential areas were submerged.

Workers and volunteers franti-

cally stacked sandbags in a bid to stop water gushing through cracks in two main flood protection embankments outside the capital.

The floods — the worst in this delta nation of 140 million people since 1998 — have hit 45 of the country's 64 districts since the start of the monsoon in late June.

Government relief workers and volunteers are distributing food, medicines and clothes to people stranded in their homes or sheltering on mud embankments, raising highways, school buildings or mosques.

But many complained that not enough relief was getting through. "There is no pure water here. The water in the street is dirty," said local resident Amena Begum, who was sheltering in a school. "In the past three days I've been here, I've got only a few packets of biscuits."

Dhaka Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka toured some relief centers Monday and told The Associated Press, "The flood victims are suffering a lot. We are trying our best to mitigate their sufferings."

Dhaka, one of the world's most densely populated cities, has a history of floods. Three-quarters of the city was under water in 1988.



A villager tries to collect drinking water near Dhaka, Bangladesh, on Monday. Forty percent of Dhaka was under water Monday after rivers around the city burst their dams.

Authorities then began building embankments around Dhaka, but work later stopped because of a lack of money.

The 58 new deaths occurred due to diarrhea, drowning and snakebites, the government said without providing further details.

About 75,000 people have been stricken with diarrhea since the start of the floods in June, it said. Snakebites often cause deaths during floods because the reptiles are often forced into the open where they attack people.

The new deaths brought to 285

the number killed in Bangladesh.

In Nepal, 102 have died. In Pakistan there have been five monsoon deaths, while in India the death toll stands at 686. Across all of South Asia, the toll is 1,078.

Last year, 1,500 people died across South Asia during the mid-June to mid-October monsoon. Many deaths have been due to drowning, lightning, waterborne diseases and electrocution from snapped wires.

Water levels have been falling in some regions, but authorities are girding for new outbreaks of waterborne diseases.

NATO working out details for Olympic forces

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — NATO has agreed to provide extra forces under alliance command to help Greece protect next month's Olympic Games from potential terror attacks, officials said Monday.

However, unspecified "operational issues" remain to be resolved, NATO officials said on condition of anonymity. The officials said the Greek request for additional counterterrorism assistance, first considered Thursday, had been approved "in essence."

A U.S. official in Washington told The Associated Press last week that the United States had committed 400 special forces soldiers, but was still discussing with the Greek government where they would be based.

Asked at a news conference if the question had been resolved, NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer said he would not give details on their exact whereabouts.

"We never do that," he said, but added: "They will be under NATO command."

Greek media reported Monday that Greece has requested two teams from NATO, an anti-terrorist squad and another that would be responsible for evacuating buildings in case of disaster.

Schedule of Events

- 1000 Mikasa Park Gate opens to visitors
- 1000 to 1600 Ship Viewing
- 1000 to 1700 Car show in PSD parking lot
- 2000 Mikasa Gate closes. Visitors exit through Womble Gate.
- 2000 to 2030 Fireworks

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- Face Painting
- Air Toys
- International Games
- Cotton Candy and Snow Cones
- Youth Sports Games designed for interaction between American and Japanese children
- Additional games, food and beverage

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- 午前10時より午後4時まで 艦船見学
- 午前10時より午後5時まで PSD/パークングにてカーショウ
- 午後8時より午後8時30分まで 花火

他の催し物

- フェイスペインティング
- ふわふわ
- わたあ・かき米
- インターナショナルによるゲーム
- 青少年スポーツゲーム (日米共同によるもの)
- その他ゲームや飲食物などもり浜山

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Entertainment

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Friendship Day



Arroyo defends pullout from Iraq

BY PAUL ALEXANDER
The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo on Monday deflected criticism of her decision to withdraw Philippine troops from Iraq to save the life of a captive Filipino truck driver.

"The Philippines has no policy that demands sacrifice of human lives," Arroyo said in her fourth annual state of the nation address to the opening session of the new Congress.

The focus of the 40-minute speech was to flesh out plans for economic reforms aimed at easing the Philippines' wrenching poverty that has led nearly 10 percent of the population to seek work overseas.

But Arroyo opened by celebrating the release of hostage Angelo dela Cruz and insisting she was following her top policy priority — the safety of the overseas workers who drive the Philippine economy with their remittances.

"I cannot apologize for being a protector of my people," she said. "Sacrificing Angelo dela Cruz would have been a pointless provocation. It would have put the lives of 1.5 million Filipinos in the Middle East at risk by making them a part of the war."

"Ask yourself this," Arroyo said. "Would we have sacrificed, what would have changed for the better in Iraq today?"

The United States, Australia and other allies have sharply criticized Arroyo's pullout decision, saying it encouraged more kid-



Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo gives her state of the nation address to Congress in suburban Quezon City on Monday. During her speech, Arroyo rejected criticism of her decision to withdraw Philippine peacekeepers from Iraq to save the life of a captive Filipino truck driver.

nappings in Iraq and broke the U.S.-led coalition there.

While the crisis clearly remains a concern, Arroyo said it had galvanized the Philippine public.

"We must seize the time while we have attained ... and save our economy ... put it back in order before it finds itself beyond hope of repair," she said.

Arroyo also presented five reform packages aimed at creating about 6 million jobs in the next six years, attracting foreign investment, fighting corruption, improving education and making the country less dependent on foreign energy.

Her main election challenger, popular actor Fernando Poe Jr., has refused to concede defeat, and his supporters have warned that another "people power" revolt is possible.

Reports: Jenkins sifting attention on legal issues

BY JOSEPH COLEMAN
The Associated Press

TOKYO — An accused U.S. Army deserter hospitalized in Japan after living in North Korea for 40 years could meet with U.S. military defense counsel as early as this week, news reports said Monday.

Charles Jenkins, 64, accused of abandoning his Army post in 1965 and defecting to North Korea, came to Japan earlier this month for medical treatment.

National broadcaster NHK and Kyodo News service reported Monday that a meeting with the U.S. military was being worked out.

The reports came less than a week after the U.S. military answered a Japanese government re-

quest for information on the military's independent legal counsel system and court-martial procedure, said Col. Victor Warzinski, spokesman for the U.S. military. NHK said the United States and Japan were negotiating a meeting that could take place before the end of the week. Such legal counsel would be the military equivalent of a court-appointed lawyer.

The broadcaster, however, said the move did not necessarily mean Jenkins had decided to attempt a plea bargain.

The reports cited unidentified officials. Officials with the U.S. Embassy, the U.S. military and the Japanese Foreign Ministry said they could not confirm the reports.

An influential ruling political lawmaker backed such an approach later Monday.

"I think it would be good for Mr. Jenkins, with the help of a lawyer, to face up to the current situation and speak with American judicial authorities," Shinjirō Koizumi, a close aide to Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, said in a speech to other ruling party officials.

The United States has yet to request custody of Jenkins, citing humanitarian concerns over his health, though Washington has insisted that it still plans to pursue a case against him.

Jenkins' Japanese doctors, however, announced last week that he did not suffer from any serious illness, and the focus has shifted to how he would handle his legal troubles.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (July 26)	107.00
S. Korean won (July 24)	1,133.00
Euro	\$1.252
British pound	\$1.88

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.377
Canada (Dollar)	\$1.538
Denmark (Krone)	1.321
Egypt (Pound)	6.105
Euro	7.967
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.2104
Indonesia (Rupiah)	203.05
Israel (Shekel)	1.885
Japan (Yen)	110.00
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2947
Malaysia (Ringgit)	0.6660
Philippines (Peso)	56.00
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	1.7501
Singapore (Dollar)	1.7246
S. Korea (Won)	1,066.33
Switzerland (Franc)	1.2647
Taiwan (Dollar)	1.016
Turkey (Lira)	1,480.75

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Gold	\$390.50
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INTEREST RATES

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Discount rate	2.25
Federal funds market rate	2.25
3-month bill	1.36
30-year bond	5.25

Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com

Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

E-learning opportunities

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — If you're eager to get ahead in your field but don't have time to commute to weekly courses at your local college, consider classes online.

Internet-based courses, tutorials and programs are an easy way to study — whether you're an entrepreneur looking to learn new skills for your business, a college or high school student hoping to earn extra credits or a busy professional earning a degree while holding a full-time job. E-learning also offers a good opportunity to explore a new field if you're considering changing jobs.

Taking courses online lets you learn at your own pace and study from your home or office. You can choose courses on a wide variety of subjects.

Because you aren't physically on campus, you may pay

less money per credit than for most college courses.

But be sure to check the credibility and credentials of programs before signing up. Not every advertised online learning opportunity is a sound one; scam artists have been known to lure victims with promises of quick degrees for little or no work.

To find e-learning opportunities, check major online universities such as University of Phoenix at www.phoenix.edu, the University of Maryland University College at www.umuc.edu, the University of Colorado-Denver at www.ucdenver.edu or Walden University at www.waldenu.edu.

You also might examine course offerings at area colleges, or any college with a degree program that interests you. Most universities offer at least a handful of online courses, especially during the summer or during semester breaks.

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Japanese eat eel to beat the heat

BY CHISAKI WATANABE

The Associated Press

TOKYO — It's another hot summer in Tokyo. The sun burns like a furnace in the sky and Tokyoites trudge down city sidewalks, sopping the sweat off their foreheads with handkerchiefs.

All that discomfort gives Katsumori Tanaka a hunger for one thing: a big bowl of grilled eel over rice.

"I need stamina and I think eating eel makes me feel better," said Tanaka, a 35-year-old salesman, after wolfing down a serving with his colleagues near Tokyo's biggest fish market.

The uninitiated might consider the slithering creatures — *Anguilla japonica*, or "unagi" in Japanese — an unappetizing meal. But the Japanese for centuries have considered eel a surefire cure for heat fatigue.

And with the mercury hitting record levels in Tokyo this summer, the eels — filleted, grilled and slathered in a sugar, soy and rice wine sauce — are flying out of the kitchens.

Takao Inoue, the manager at Haibara, a popular eel take-out shop near the Tsukiji fish market, can attest to that. He grilled a mind-numbing 400 eels on Friday, and estimates he's sold 30 percent more this summer over last year.



Chef Shigeo Ono places eel meat on a barbecue pit Friday at an eel restaurant in Tokyo.

"When the weather is hot, sales go up," he said.

This summer in Japan fits the bill. On Tuesday last week, the temperature in central Tokyo hit a record high of 103.1 — the hot-

test day on record in the capital since the Meteorological Agency began keeping statistics in 1923.

Sales are up nationwide. Naoko Ueda, spokeswoman for one of Japan's largest supermarket chains,

Aeon, said sales during the traditional weeklong peak were 30 percent higher this year than last, which was unusually cool.

The freshwater fish, which grows about 20 inches in length, is rich in vitamin A, B1, B2, D and E. Its high protein content is also good for the bodies weary in hot, humid weather.

The eel's popularity in Japan goes way back. "Manyoshi," a collection of poetry believed to have been published during the 8th century, includes a poem praising the eel as a way of preventing weight loss in summer.

Unagi got a major boost with a nifty 18th century marketing ploy.

Eel legend says that well-known Japanese naturalist Genna Hiraga told an eel dealer he could boost sales by putting up a sign urging customers to eat the creatures on "Doyo no Ushi Day" — a traditional summer benchmark denoting 18 days before the beginning of autumn under Japan's ancient calendar. This year there were two: Wednesday, July 21, and Aug. 2.

"It was not that Hiraga had any scientific proof that eel was good," said Junji Natsume of the fish farmers co-op in Lake Hamana, a major eel-producing area in central Japan.

"It had been commonly thought that eel was nutritious and good for those who suffered summer heat. So once the sign was put up, people bought it," he said.

U.N. pushes agenda of nuke disarmament

The Associated Press

TOKYO — A senior U.N. official urged countries possessing nuclear weapons to focus on disarmament, not just non-proliferation, at the opening of a security conference Monday in Japan.

"Any position focusing on nonproliferation without working seriously on disarmament lacks credibility," U.N. Under-Secretary-General on Disarmament Affairs Nobuyasu Abe told the 16th U.N. Conference on Disarmament Issues in northern Sapporo city.

Abe said that while countries were locked in a stalemate over how to tackle proliferation and disarmament, the threat of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction falling into the hands of terrorists was growing.

"The longer we wait for progress in WMD disarmament or nonproliferation, the greater the risk of those weapons falling into the hands of terrorists," he said in his opening speech, calling for countries to be more flexible.

The four-day meeting will address North Korea's alleged nuclear weapons program, worldwide measures against terrorism, and other issues, said Foreign Ministry official Toshiko Neko.

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Clinton tak nightlights opening night in Boston

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE
The Associated Press

BOSTON — With Bill Clinton getting a moment in the spotlight Monday at the opening of the Democratic convention, John Kerry pressed his case in Florida on why voters should put him in the White House in place of President Bush.

"We need to push the curve of discovery," Kerry said while meeting with workers at the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral. "We need a president who believes in science and who's prepared to invest America's efforts to cure Parkinson's and AIDS and diabetes and Alzheimer's, and do stem cell research."

He appealed to Republicans and independents to "stop and think" about who they will vote for in November. There's nothing conservative about "piling debt on the shoulders of our children

and driving the deficits up as far as the eye can see," he said. Kerry praised Clinton for balancing the government's budget, reducing its debt and creating 23 million new jobs. "I also want to create better jobs."

Convention delegates in Boston readied for an evening of speeches focused on Kerry's stated vision for America: a strong economy, a growing middle class, affordable health care and a beefed-up military.

Al Gore, loser of the bitterly contested 2000 presidential election, accused Bush of creating

"profound problems" for Americans with ill-fated policies on the economy, the environment and Iraq.

"Wouldn't we be safer with a president who didn't insist on confusing al-Qaida with Iraq?" Gore said in one of the first major addresses of the Democratic National Convention.

The war in Iraq, he said, diverted attention from the "principal danger" posed by al-Qaida.

With Kerry's team urging speakers to go easy on the Bush-bashing, Gore couched his usual criticism in a series of pointed questions. "I sincerely ask

those watching at home who supported President Bush four years ago: Did you really get what you expected from the candidate you voted for?" Gore said.

Clinton, the Democrats' last occupant of the White House, dismissed any idea he might overshadow Kerry.

"I feel good about the way he relates to voters," Clinton said Sunday. As for himself: "I'm going to give a talk and get out of town."

In route to the key state of Florida, Kerry stopped Sunday night in Boston for a surprise appearance at the Yankees-Red Sox game, where he threw out the first pitch. He returns Wednesday, the eve of his acceptance speech.

Despite the looming terrorism threat, the convention's message was relentlessly upbeat, underscoring the unity behind Kerry as the man Democrats hope will drive Bush from office.

AFN coverage

AFN News will air three hours each night of live PBS coverage of the convention starting at 9 a.m. (all times local). Because regular programming will be pre-empted by the source, AFN News will carry CNN live from 1 to 4 p.m. and Fox News live from 4 to 8 p.m.

AFN Pacific/Korea will air one hour each day on July 26, 28 and 29 of live NBC coverage starting at 11 a.m.

For more information, go to <http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/>.
From staff reports

"Our objective is to show the personal side of Senator Kerry — his character, his Vietnam service, his leadership qualities," New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, the convention's chairman, said Monday on CNN's "American Morning."

Republicans working 'behind enemy lines'

BY WILL LESTER
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Republican Gov. Mitt Romney is already a fish out of water in Massachusetts, its Democratic senators, congressmen and state lawmakers dominating politics. Now party members from around the country are in Boston for their nominating convention.

"Boys were asking me last night what it's like having so many Democrats in town," Romney told NBC's "Today" on Monday. "And I said I don't notice any difference. We have that every single day."

Romney has more like-minded company than usual as the Democratic National Convention begins. These Republicans can be found in a nondescript, red-brick building near the convention site, scouring the Internet, monitoring convention coverage and fielding media calls.

They don't give out the address of their makeshift war room, and they don't advertise their presence in Boston.

"I've been behind enemy lines and we're well aware of that fact," said Republican National Committee Chairman Ed Gillespie. "But we can't allow baseless charges to go unanswered."

Republicans were holding the first of their daily news conferences from the GOP war room Monday with Colorado Gov. Bill Owens, Rep. Henry Bonilla and Massachusetts Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey.

Other prominent Republicans will follow during the week.

The war room is on two floors of the building a couple of blocks from the FleetCenter, the downtown arena where the Democrats are holding their nominating convention.

Researchers from the RNC are searching computer screens that line all four walls in the research

room that is the nerve center of the war room. They are looking for online reports about the Democratic ticket of John Kerry and John Edwards.

Televisions are tuned to news stations covering the convention. The researchers fire out e-mails to respond quickly to any Democratic claim they feel they must counter.

On the walls, the Democratic senators are listed along with the National Journal's rating of their voting records. Kerry's is the most liberal; Edwards is No. 4.

A Boston Herald front page pictures Kerry and Edwards with the headline: "They're left of Ted! GOP: Dem team more liberal than Kennedy."

The Kerry campaign scoffs at such labels, saying he's a fiscal conservative with a moderate view on many issues.

The GOP war room is freshly painted and sports blue carpeting, but the offices are labeled with scraps of paper taped to the glass.

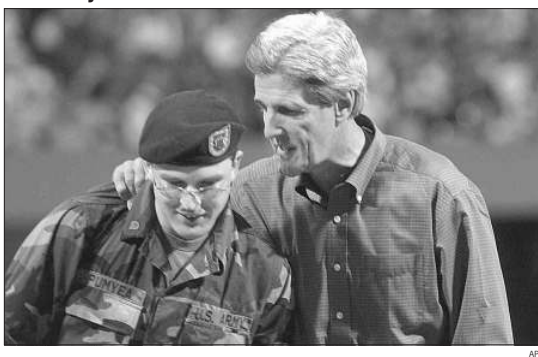
The room marked "Spinners" is where GOP strategists such as Mary Matalin and Rich Galen will give interviews and provide their interpretation of events during the Democrats' big week.

"The entire week will be an exercise in giving John Kerry's voting record a makeover," said Christine Iverson, a RNC spokeswoman. Republicans will try to counter those efforts.

"We understand we're swimming upstream," Gillespie said. The GOP war room in Boston is similar to the Bush campaign's war room in Arlington, Va. Both are modeled after Bill Clinton's campaign war room in 1992, designed to respond rapidly to all opposition charges. The Boston location offers advantages.

It's the best place we could have," said Scott Hagenson, director of radio press for the RNC. "If we were doing this out of Washington, it would be lame."

Lend me your ear



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry chats with Army National Guard Spc. Will Pumyea of Woburn, Mass., after Kerry threw the first pitch to Pumyea at the game between the Red Sox and the Yankees in Boston on Sunday. Kerry was supposed to fly from Ohio to Florida for a campaign stop, but he announced to journalists on the plane after takeoff that they were going to Boston instead.

Heinz Kerry 'speaks her mind'

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry doesn't have a problem with his wife telling an insistent journalist to "shove it" when urged to explain her plea for more civility in politics. Neither does Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"I think my wife speaks her mind appropriately," Kerry told reporters Monday when asked about the exchange between his wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry, and the editorial page editor of the conservative Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.

Asked about the response on CNN's "American Morning," Clinton said Monday, "A lot of Americans are going to say, 'Good for you, you go, girl,' and that's certainly how I feel about it."

Heinz Kerry attended a Massachusetts Statehouse reception Sunday night for fellow Pennsylvanians, telling them, "We need to turn back some of the creeping, un-Pennsylvanian and sometimes un-American traits that are coming into some of our politics." She criticized the tenor of modern political campaigns without being specific.

Minutes later, the Tribune-Review's Colin McNickie questioned Heinz Kerry on what she meant by the term "un-American," according to a tape of the encounter recorded by Pittsburgh television station WTAE.

Heinz Kerry said "I didn't say that" several times to McNickie.

She then turned to confer with Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell and others. When she faced McNickie again a short time later, he continued to question her, and she replied: "You said something I didn't say. Now shove it."

A spokeswoman for Heinz Kerry later said, "This was sheer frustration aimed at a right-wing rag that has consistently and purposely misrepresented the facts in reporting on Mrs. Kerry and her family."

A spokeswoman Dick Cheney recently came under criticism for using a four-letter obscenity in an exchange with Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., on the Senate floor. He later was unapologetic about the remark, saying, "I felt better after I said it."

AIDS fears decline; threat to kids still a concern

BY WILL LESTER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Fewer people believe the overall threat of AIDS is very serious these days, but a majority of Americans say they worry about the impact of the sexually transmitted disease on the nation's children, an Associated Press poll found.

That decline in fears about AIDS comes as the disease is showing signs of making a comeback in the United States. A year ago, AIDS diagnoses increased for the first time in a decade.

About six in 10 said they feel AIDS is a "very serious" problem, according to the poll. When people were asked in 1987 how serious AIDS was as a national health problem, almost nine in 10 said it was "very serious."

Revolutionary new drugs allow people to live longer

with AIDS, and many young gay men have no memories of the devastating early days of the sexually transmitted disease two decades ago.

Two in 10 polled said they were concerned they would personally be infected with HIV, but 51 percent said they were worried a son or daughter could be infected.

More than six in 10 of those with children said they were concerned that a child might be affected. Four in 10 of those with no children acknowledged fears about the possibility of a child being infected, if they had one.

Fifty-five percent of those polled said teaching safe sex should be the focus of efforts to prevent AIDS. Forty percent favored promoting abstinence.

Americans say they support the \$15 billion the United States has pledged to help fight AIDS in developing countries overseas. But when asked whether the money should go abroad or be used to fight the epidemic at home, they choose keeping the money here by a 2-1 ratio.

The recent increase in diagnosed cases of AIDS is likely a sign of things to come, said Dr. Jim Curran, dean of the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University and a longtime veteran of AIDS prevention efforts.

"There are a number of factors that would suggest that AIDS and HIV infections will continue to be on the rise in the United States," Curran said. "There are more people infected than ever, there's a lower death rate, a rise in infection rates among young gay men."

Four in 10 in the AP poll said they know someone who had AIDS, died of it or has been infected by HIV.

For 23-year-old Heather Sweeney of Philadelphia, AIDS remains a "very serious" problem. Losing a young friend to the disease reinforced that view.

"People are a lot more careless about protection," she said.

"A lot more people are having sex younger and they're not as aware of it."

Father grants son's 'divorce' request

BY KATHARINE WEBSTER

The Associated Press

CANTON, Mass. — A man who murdered his wife six years ago and left their 8-year-old son to find her body has agreed to give up his parental rights, the boy's guardian said Monday.

Daniel Holland agreed to waive any right to be part of Patrick Holland's life, said Ron Lazisky, of Sandown, N.H., Patrick's legal guardian.

Patrick, 14, has publicized his determination to terminate his father's parental rights, saying Holland forfeited

the role of a parent the night he shot Liz Holland eight times in their Quincy home. Patrick was sleeping in the next room.

"It's like a big weight's been lifted off my shoulders, knowing that I don't have to worry about him being in my life," Patrick said Monday morning.

Holland is serving life in prison without parole for first-degree murder. He is appealing.

In the settlement, Holland agreed to give up any interest in his dead wife's estate, even if his conviction is over-

turned, Lazisky said.

Toward the end of the hearing, Gorman said that Holland — connected by video hookup from prison — wanted to tell Patrick he loved him, Lazisky said.

"Patrick got up and walked right out before the judge even ruled," Lazisky said. He said the judge denied Gorman's request.

In the settlement, Holland agreed to give up any interest in the estate so Patrick can get his mother's belongings and any money left from the 1999 sale of the couple's house as quickly as possible, Lazisky said.



Patrick Holland, sitting in his home in Sandown, N.H., in April, has achieved his quest to "divorce" his father, who killed Patrick's mother.

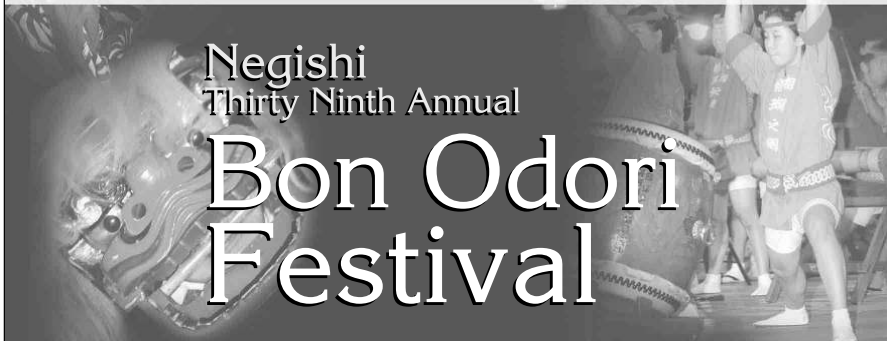
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Caught up in the romance

Rachel McAdams finds self wrapped up in the emotions of her role in 'The Notebook'

BY JAY BOYAR

The Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel

Rachel McAdams has always been wary of films like "The Notebook," the new tear-jerker in which she stars with James Garner, Gene Rowlands and Ryan Gosling.

"I have to be careful with three-handkerchief movies because I get really wrapped up in them," McAdams confesses, speaking by phone from Los Angeles. "Sometimes I shy away from them just because I know I have such an emotional reaction — it kind of sits with me for a few days."

At the same time, she adds, the intense emotions of "The Notebook," which is based on the 1996 Nicholas Sparks best seller, are precisely what drew her to it.

"Everybody has a first love," Sparks has said. "And you go back and wonder, 'What if? This story plays into that.'"

In the film, which opened last month in the United States, McAdams plays Allie Hamilton, a high-spirited debutante in the North Carolina of the 1940s who falls in love with Noah Calhoun (Gosling), a young mill worker. The film asks the question: Will their love survive the pressures of their social differences and the coming of World War II? The role of Allie is miles away from McAdams' calculating queen-bee character in the recent "Mean Girls."

"It's fun to be mean!" says McAdams, who says she is 25. "I know that sounds so horrible... but I really wanted to explore her as a sociopath. And I could have gotten much further with that."

As Allie, the actress is far more innocent and passionate.

"She's just like a ball of energy," says McAdams. "You know, if people tap their toes and whistle and dance around and float on clouds, you kind of wonder if maybe they're in love."

McAdams' love affair with acting began in childhood. Raised near London, Ontario, she performed little skits for her parents, a mover and a nurse.

Eventually, the young Canadian girl overcame her shyness about appearing before strangers. She acted in school productions and also found success in front of crowds as a figure skater.

Still, the idea of a theatrical career seemed implausible until one life-changing day in high school.

"It was the day that college applications were due, and I ran into my drama teacher in the hall," she recalls. When she told the teacher that she was planning to take up "cultural studies" in college, the teacher said that she'd assumed the girl would follow that theater.

"She just gave me the permission," McAdams says. "I guess I was just waiting for someone to say: Are you crazy? Do what you love."



KRT

Canadian actress Rachel McAdams wanted to get the southern flavor of her "Notebook" character right, so she headed to Charleston, S.C., two months before production started to learn more about the people and their ways.

After studying theater at Toronto's York University, McAdams appeared in Canadian films and landed her first role in a Hollywood movie. That would be "The Hot Chick," which Joshua Rich of Entertainment Weekly describes as "the 2002 body-switching flop in which she channeled Rod Schneider while pole-dancing at a strip club."

To prepare for "The Notebook," McAdams watched such grand-passions productions as "Giant." She also attended dance-and art classes, signed up for tennis lessons and even took "debutante training."

As a Canadian, McAdams wanted to get the Southern flavor of her "Notebook" character just right.

"Ryan and I went to Charleston about two months early, before we started shooting, to get a feel for the South," she says. "For the heat. For the food. For the way people talk."

She also went to a library. "I took out books on 'The Southern woman' and all that she is, which is quite a woman," offers McAdams.

She discovered that Dixie gals have "really good survival skills" and that "they seem to rebound really well." Like Scarlett O'Hara, she adds, with that "I'll never go hungry again" spirit.

If all this preparation suggests a lack of spontaneity, McAdams' performance in "The Notebook" attests otherwise. The key to her work, she explains, is physical ease — in part, a legacy from her

youth as a figure skater.

"It helped me a lot to be in touch with my physical self," she says. "Whenever you feel you're getting really cerebral with a character, the best way to get out of that trap is to get physical."

Next up for McAdams is "The Wedding Crashers," a comedy starring Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn about two friends who crash wedding parties to meet women. Wilson plays a bridesmaid who becomes involved with Wilson.

In the meantime, she's focused on "The Notebook" and her thoroughly love-struck character. How much of a stretch was that, anyway? "I am," she admits, "a hopeless romantic."

Humorist's characters to be on screen

The quirky characters of Minnesota humorist Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion" may be headed for the silver screen.

A cinematic version of the popular radio show is tentatively set to begin shooting in January at the Fitzgerald Theater, with director Robert Altman at the helm, the Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune reported.

Keillor wrote the screenplay — about life backstage at the radio show. The movie is expected to star Meryl Streep and Lily Tomlin as a fading sister duo and Tom Wats and Lyle Lovett as Dusty and Lefty, the singing cowboys.

"Altman and Keillor — that's a happy combination of American masters," said Tony Judge, who is coordinating the project for Prairie Home Productions. "They've become good working partners."



Keillor

Channing's acting awards stolen

Carol Channing's Tony Award for her performance in "Hello, Dolly!" — and an Emmy and a Golden Globe — were stolen from her storage unit in Hollywood, Channing's publicist said Friday.

"Ever since it happened, I've been checking eBay every day just to make sure these things haven't shown up," publicist Harlan Ball said. "You never know what something like that would sell for."

Ball said the unit was broken into about three months ago, and Channing later filed a police report. She has since cleared out the remaining items and taken them to a home in Northern California.

Channing is upset, yes. She wants the awards back because they mean something to her, but she's thankful no one got hurt. In the end, they're just material things," Ball said.

Colombian crooner goes under the knife

Colombian crooner Charlie Zaa underwent surgery Friday at a clinic in Bogota, Colombia, to treat an undisclosed kidney problem, said a spokeswoman for his record label, Sonolux.

Zaa, 30, a solo performer who shot to fame across Latin America for his interpretations of classics by artists such as Olimpo Cardenas and Julio Jaramillo, is expected to make a full recovery, spokeswoman Monica Casas said.

She declined to provide details of the operation.

Zaa was forced to cut short a tour in Puerto Rico to promote his new album, "Puro Sentimiento," earlier last week after suffering from severe pain.

Zaa began his career with renowned salsa bands Grupo Niche and Guayacan before going solo with the release of the album "Sentimientos" in 1996.



Zaa

Got legs? Duff will help decide that

Who's got legs? Who knows how to use them? Hilary Duff will decide just that when she judges who has the best pair of legs in New York.



Duff

The singer-actress will be joined Wednesday in Times Square by her sister, Haylie, for the contest, sponsored by Gillette, dubbed "Legs of a Goddess." The Duff sisters will be looking for women with "shapely and toned legs, and a confident and enthusiastic attitude."

The contest is part of a nationwide search, the winner of which will win a "Goddess Giveaway" worth \$30,000. The sponsor said in a recent statement.

Hilary, 16, starred in "The Lizzie McGuire Movie." Haylie, 19, recently appeared in "Napoleon Dynamite." Choreographer Chris Judd, ex-husband of Jennifer Lopez, also will be a judge.

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J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P	ESPNs Pacific Report	8 Simple Rules "Let's Keep Going" Cate is seen with a stranger.	The Bernie Mac Show "The Talk" Hugh Hefner gives advice. (CC)	Fear Factor "Couples" Couples struggle to hang on to each other while suspended from a spinning tower. (CC)	Las Vegas "Jokers and Fools" Danny and Ed hope a bummer will send them back to the head of his cheating ring.	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show (CC)	Late Show (CC)			
7	AFN-AT	6:30 Guiding Light (CC)	General Hospital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today Democratic National Convention in Boston. (CC)						
8	NEWS	CNN Daybreak	The O'Reilly Factor (CC)		Good Morning America (CC)				Headline News	ABC World News This Morning (CC)	The Early Show (CC)	
9	SPORTS	ESPNCenter	Auto Racing American Le Mans Series. (Taped)				SportsCenter					
10	SPEC	The Amazing Race	Andromeda's 1st Hour Came 'Round at Last' Andromeda's old core personality is accidentally reinserted.	Mail Call (CC)	Legends of Air-power Daniel James.	Secrets of War "Stargazing: The Phony War" The hope of Stargazing was de-fused, but never fought.	*** "Honey and Glory" (1987, Comedy-Drama) Sarah Miles, David Hayman, Derrick O'Connor (1988's Madonna's autobiographical account of WWII) England. (CC)	*** "Henry V" (1989, Drama) Kenneth Branagh, Derek Jacobi, Robbie Coltrane. England's new king launches a campaign against France. NR				
14	TMC	(4:45) *** "The Best Sitting Room" (1969) M	*** "Madeline" (1998, Comedy-Drama) Frances McDormand, Nigel Hawthorne. The reeducated French girl must come to her school's rescue. PG. (CC)	*** "Manhattan Murder Mystery" (1993, Comedy) Alan Alda, Woody Allen, Diane Keaton. A woman suspects foul play in her neighbor's death. PG (CC)	Great Legions of the Canadian Rockies "On Top of the Two-Star Band Springs Hotel. (N) (CC)	*** "A Thief of Time" (2004, Mystery) Adam Beach, Wes Studi, Peter Fonda. Patches of American Indian polities meet mysterious ones. (CC) (DVS)						
24	PBS	Ciara's New Year Eve Special (CC) (DVS)	Dragon Tales "The Dragon delivers a crown. (CC) (DVS)	The Newshour With Jim Lehrer (CC)								Charlie Rose (N) (CC)
25	SHOW	(6:15) *** "Clean Slate" (1994) Dana Delany. A woman who has been arrested 6 times while she sleeps. PG-13		(15) *** "Who Is Elizabeth Costello?" (2004) Christine Chivalier. Set in Ireland, for a man the most wants dead. TR, Allen, P. (CC)			*** "Narc" (2002, Crime Drama) Ray Liotta, Jason Patric, Ch McDride. A disapproving cop probes the death of an undercover colleague. (CC)					Buccaners "Invitation" Nan and Virginia St. George to "Victorian" New Year. (Part 1 of 5)
27	A&E	City Confidential An Atlanta murder victim leaves behind papers exposing her killer. (CC)	American Justice "The Perfect Victim" A kidnapper holds a hitchhiker hostage for years. (CC)	Biography "John F. Kennedy Jr." The last life of John F. Kennedy Jr. (CC)			American Justice "The Black Widow" The death of three wives. (N) (CC)	City Confidential A socially prominent couple are butchered in their Virginia home. (CC)				Crossing Jordan "Secrets & Lies" A medical patient's apparent hanging suicide arouses Jordan's suspicions.
28	DISC	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
29	TFC	5:15 Yes, Yes Show	Insider	Special Assignment	Good Morning Kibay	(1:15) Kumilating Kibay	(4:0) Masayang Tanghali Bayan					
30	CNN-I	Larry King Live (CC)	CNN World News	World Sport	Business International	Asia Tonight	Biz Asia	CNN World News	World Report	Biz Asia	Business International	
31	TOLC	*** "The LPGA Golf Evian Masters - Final Round" From Evian-les-Bains, France.	*** Golf Central	*** Playing Lessons From the Pros	*** Golf Channel America	*** Golf Central	*** Golf Channel America	*** Golf Central	*** Golf Channel America	*** Golf Central	*** Golf Channel America	*** Golf Central
32	GLF	Clean Sweep "Handbag Hell" Outfit overhauls home office and master bedroom. (CC)	In a Fix "Thoroughly Modern Vintage Uninspired take on the Cowardly Giraffe." (CC)	A Makoover Story "Trading Spoons" duo routine. (CC)	A Makoover Story "Trading Spoons" duo routine. (CC)	For Better or for Worse "Laura and Wendell inspired by 'The Arabian Nights'." (N)	2 Stupid Dogs	Date Patrol "Alexandra & Noah" The ill's of a party and a sheep. (N)	A Makoover Story "Trading Spoons" duo routine. (CC)	A Makoover Story "Trading Spoons" duo routine. (CC)	A Makoover Story "Trading Spoons" duo routine. (CC)	A Makoover Story "Trading Spoons" duo routine. (CC)
33	TOON	Samurai Jack	Dexter's Laboratory	Justice League	Powerpuff Girls	Cartoon Cartoon	Cartoon shorts.					
35	ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter Steve encounters unique chameleons and cave dwellers across Madagascar. (CC)	The Planet's Funniest Animals	The Planet's Funniest Animals	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries "Backstage Bedlam" Animals in rehearsal.	Most Extreme Survivors Creatures of all kinds survive to adapt to extreme environments. (CC)	Animal Cops Houston "Dirty Work" Investigators battle through mud to rescue a trapped and a wild boar.	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries "Backstage Bedlam" Animals in rehearsal.				
36	COM	Late Night Caroline Hays, Jeff Garlin; Buring Globes (CC)	The Daily Show	Crossbells (N)	Mad TV A self-obsessed Caline Dine honors Martin Luther King. Swan wrestles with ATM. (CC)	Insomniac Sam	South Park Cartman's toothy lady with ATM. (CC)	South Park Cartman starts a rock group with ATM. (CC)	Reno 911 (N)	The Daily Show	Crossbells (N)	
40	NGC-A	Young Global Hot "Shes 'Sengal" Order Award	From the Heart "The Real" Great Order Award	Togaya World of Wildlife "Navigation"	Planet Wild	Riddles of the Dead "Angor: The Lost City The demise of the city of Angkor happened quickly.						
42	SPIKE	Real TV	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	Str. Trek: The Next Generation "Botters"		*** "The Living Daylights" (1987, Adventure) Timothy Dalton, Margaery D'Ab. KGB general and an American arms dealer. (CC)						
43	FOX	Fame (CC)	Blind Date Hollywood make-up send mixed signals. (N)	Blind Date Hollywood make-up send mixed signals. (N)	That '70s Show "Spontaneous" Donna's wedding scene.	The Simple Life 2: Method & Red How Tim living under a wild boar.	Method & Red "Use a waste of a wild boar."	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	Agencies & Lacey "A Safe Place" A potentially deadly wall of plutonium is stolen from a parked car. (CC)			
44	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live "Top 10 Countdown"	BET.com Sports	The Parkers (CC)	The Parkers (CC)	How I'm Living "Blueprint"	Blueprint "Blueprint"	Club Comic Video	BET Nightly News "How I'm Living 'Usher'"			
46	COURT	NYPD Blue "Moby Greg" Simone plans a surprise for Russell, then gets one himself. (CC)	Cops Sentencing in a remote Alaskan village. (CC)	Cops From Alaska: recovery of a drowned boy. (CC)	Extreme Evidence "2000 Blackout" "Susan Tilden"	Forensic Files	Detective Two nurses shot outside hospital. (N)	Trace Evidence: From the Case Files of Dr. Henry Lee "Hartford" Woman dies in inexplicable car crash. (N)	Nancy Grace Live Peterson trial. (Live)			
48	STR-IL	Baywatch (CC)	The Simpsons (CC)	Cheers (CC)	Star News Focus Asia	Charmed (CC)						
50	LIFE	The Golden Girls The ladies adopt an elderly pig.	The Golden Girls Dorothy and Sharon adopt an elderly pig.	"As Time Turns Away" (1999, Suspense) Robert A. Kinnardrop a body bear is wired to explode. (CC)	Stephen Collins, Karen Sillas, Rick O'Sullivan. A tragic college incident comes back to haunt three men. (CC)	"Murder at Devil's Den" (1999, Drama) Rick Schroder, Jack Noseworthy, Joyce Brando. A tragic college incident comes back to haunt three men. (CC)	The Golden Girls The ladies adopt an elderly pig.	The Golden Girls Dorothy and Sharon adopt an elderly pig.				
51	ABC-FM	Breaking Vegas An underground team of highly skilled blackjack players uses mathematical wizardry to beat casinos. (CC)	7th Heaven "Lost Matt and Simon are twins said to be real in chicks. (CC)	*** "Coming to America" (1988, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Anserio Hall, John Amos. An African prince arrives in New York to find a bride.	Las Vegas The physical, psychological and social structures that make Las Vegas a modern marvel. (CC)	Modern Marvels "Bathroom Tech" The history of bathing and showering. (CC)						
53	HIST	(5:30) "A Woman Hurtled" (2003) Alexandra Paul. A former addict kills a famous athlete in self-defense.	(59) *** "The Recruit" (2003, Suspense) Al Pacino, Colin Farrell, Bridget Moynahan. A CIA recruit must first turn out to be a mole within the agency.									
54	ADV I	India Daras Hindi tale of cat warriors	Bustle Tower	Across the Line	Footsteps to the Sky The vegetation and life atop New Zealand's Mount Cook.	Action Asia Challenge From Kathmandu, Thailand.	Surfer's Journal The Ripper's greatest					
59	MTV	The Real World "The Real World You Never Saw" Unseen footage. (CC)	Direct Effect		Hard Rock Live "Hollywood Live"	The Ashlee Simpson Show	Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica	Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica	Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica	The Ashlee Simpson Show Ashlee Simpson begins rehearsal.	The Real World "The Real World You Never Saw" Unseen footage. (CC)	
60	NICK	Juice "Juice/SpongeBob" (CC)	Juice "The Wild Thornberrys"	Juice "CalDog" (CC) Angie's Bangers	Juice "As Told By Ginger"	Scaredy Cam Spontani night game	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	All That	Even Stevens (CC)	The Brothers Garcia (CC)	Cousin Skeeter (CC)	Figure It Out
												Legends of the Hidden Temple

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12:45 Japan Senior High School Baseball:
Kanagawa Prefecture Tournament –
Final (4)
1:30 U.S. Movie (1999): Cruel Intentions
(200/12)
4:50 Japan Senior High School Baseball:
West Tokyo Tournament Highlights (10)
5:50 News (6)

Evening
7:00 News (1)
7:50 Japan Pro Ball: Yomiuri Giants vs. Hiroshima Carp (4)
8:50 Soccer: World Cup in China 2004 –
Japan vs. Iran (10)
7:25 State of Grace (3)
9:50 The Simpsons (42)
10:20 News (1)
10:00 America's Top 40 (42)
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:28 Kinshuki Trophy Senior High School
Judo Tournament (8)
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:20 Buzz Lightyear of Star Command (6)

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Evening
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Japan vs. Iran
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JAPAN TV-BS1

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Morning
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7:30 *TV Series: Friends*
8:00 *U.S. Movie (1944): The Uninvited (1:4)*
10:00 *U.S.-Chinese Movie (2001): Pavilion of Women (1:57)*

Afternoon
12:00 *TV Series: Dawson's Creek*
1:00 *U.S. Movie (2001): The Curse of the J. Scorpion (1:50)*
2:00 *U.S. Movie (2002): The Rookie (2:10)*

Evening
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8:10 *French Movie (1985): L'effrontée (1:5)*
10:00 *French Movie (2001): Ma Femme Une Actrice (1:40)*
11:45 *Stephen King's Hospitalal S*
12:00 *TV Series and the City #31*

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Treat all services equally

As an American citizen, I was very dis-
turbed to read about the inequities in the
conditions under which the different
branches live while in Iraq ("Ground
Truth," Stripes, Oct. 16-22). To learn that
the Air Force maintains a much higher
level of comfortable accommodations and
better food than the Army reservists and
Marines is unconscionable.

How can we send these brave young men
and women out to face such dangerous sit-
uations on a daily basis and not provide them
with warm food and equal access to e-mail
and phones? Our armed forces, whether re-
serve or full-time military, deserve to be
known that they are all treated equally.

I was also appalled to learn how arbi-
trarily commanders chose to grant emer-
gency leave. Our servicemen deserve bet-
ter. I hope that military commanders will
respond to "Ground Truth" and make
some positive changes. God bless all ser-
vicemen.

Linda Reimel
Carpinteria, Calif.

Jenkins must answer for acts

Charles Robert Jenkins should be
charged, tried at court-martial and execut-

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ed for desertion. Korea was and still is at
war even though the two sides coexist in a
state of armistice.

I don't care how old [a criminal] is;
being allowed to return to freedom like
nothing ever happened or spending the

rest of his life in prison is too good for him.
"EASI! Excellence in All we do, Service
before self, Integrity above all."

Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey A. Phipps
Osan Air Base, South Korea

Cover troops, not enemy

My fellow soldiers and I are outraged.
It seems in the past few months we are
continuously seeing pictures of Iraqi car-
rying rocket-propelled grenades and wear-
ing the uniforms of local anti-American
groups. As soldiers fighting these people,
we honestly could do with seeing them in
the pages of Stars and Stripes. The reason-
ing behind this is simple: Hostiles with
RPGs are to be dealt with immediately.

I don't understand how a reporter could
get this close to the enemy and want to
pick up a camera instead of an M-16. We
saw a lot to distinguish the difference be-
tween the enemy and civilians on a daily
basis and to see someone get this close to
the enemy is just not what we would like to
see in the paper.

While we appreciate what the reporters
of Stars and Stripes are doing, we would
like to see more of what we are doing, such
as destroying ordnance, erecting barriers
and participating in local events.

Sp. Jason P. Shaw
Camp Victory North, Iraq

Politics (and perspective) in harmony

Ag es ago, there was just no cure
for the summertime blues. But that
was before rock stars started
ed politicizing on stage.

Linda Ronstadt pushed a little too hard
the other day at the Al-
bany. Her act in Las
Vegas, Biedma broke
out in the audience
after she dedicated a
song to leftist film-
maker Michael
Moore.

She called him "a
recent American patri-
ot" and "someone
who is seeking the
truth," and then urged
everyone to see his
documentary film.

"Fahrenheit 9/11." As you probably know,
the film accuses President Bush and his
Daddy Warbucks pals of war-mongering
and profiteering. It's also a box office hit.
Apparently, Ronstadt's two thumbs-up
were too much for the patriotically correct
in the theater. They hissed, booed, threw
cocktails and tore down posters as they
stormed out. Hotel bouncers promptly es-
corted Ronstadt off the property.

I just want to know two things: Don't con-
servatives ever read the program? And,
why can't musicians just shut up and play?
I remember Ronstadt's "Canciones de Mi
Padre" tour some years back. At one con-
cert in New England, a bunch of yahoos fi-



OSAMU HONDA/AP

During a recent concert in Las Vegas,
Linda Ronstadt — shown in 1991 — urged
her audience to see "Fahrenheit 9/11."

nally figured out she is Mexican-American
and that every song would be sung in Span-
ish, so they started yelling, "You're in
America, talk English!"

This raises a fair question: Do liberals
ever disrupt concerts by politically sensi-
tive performers? If I want a lecture, I'll
go to a college campus. If I want a movie
recommendation, I'll look up a critic or
ask the nearest teenager.

Sure, rockers and other celebrities have
the right to stick their free speech in our
ears. And it's perfectly legal for concert
managers to cancel shows for fear of vio-

lence, just as it is for corporate sponsors to
end endorsement deals with superstar ath-
letes who are charged with rape.

The Ronstadt incident in Vegas brings
up a lost and honorable tradition: If mus-
icians want to stop a war or start a revolu-
tion, they should do it with a song — not
a political speech.

"All we are saying, is give peace a
chance!"

Does anyone remember the lectures
John Lennon and Yoko Ono issued in bed
about the Vietnam War? No, but thou-
sands upon thousands could sing their
nine-word chorus in tune without miss-
ing a step in anti-war marches.

Pro-war conservatives also had a hit or
two with which to sing along. I couldn't
stand the "Ballad of the Green Berets,"
but I didn't throw my transistor radio at
anyone. Vietnam vet I saw on the street. I
changed the channel.

Things seem much clearer when mus-
icians express their politics in song. You
have your political anthem. I have mine.
Sing it loud, sing it proud, but please don't
throw cocktails, molotov or ice.

Maybe only the young have the emotion-
al and intellectual balance to truly appreci-
ate the blending of politics and music.
Maybe the real problem for Ronstadt in
Vegas was that she's a brewer, conserva-
tives and liberals, have become the gener-
ation that can't sing and think at the same
time.

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(Calif.) Mercury News.

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OPINION

U.S. dealings with Iran, Iraq intertwined

Los Angeles Times

The report of the independent 9/11 commission, aside from demolishing the idea that Iraq collaborated with al-Qaida, points the finger elsewhere — including at Tehran. Not only was Iran potentially in league with al-Qaida in the June 1996 Khobar Towers bombing that killed 19 Americans and wounded 372, says the report released Thursday, but it also probably "facilitated the transit of al-Qaida members into and out of Afghanistan before 9/11." Iran may not have been aware of the 9/11 plot — it denied any such knowledge Thursday and said it had arrested "a large number" of al-Qaida members — but it probably rendered vital assistance. It doesn't take precise knowledge of a crime to turn you into an accomplice.

The Iran-al-Qaida link is thinner than Iran's nuclear ambitions, but it's further evidence that the Bush administration chose to see only what would bolster its obsession with toppling Saddam Hussein.

Such hypocrisy has been at the heart of U.S. relations with Iraq and Iran for decades, often with lethal consequences.

During the 1980s, the Reagan administration caved up to Saddam even as he was gassing Iranian soldiers in the Iran-Iraq war. At the same time, the White House went ahead with the so-called Iran-Contra

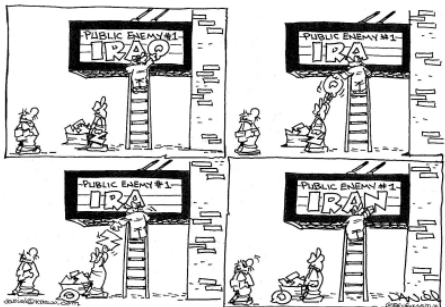
deal, which supplied the mullahs with arms (as well as a Bible signed by President Reagan and a cake that were supposed to demonstrate U.S. good will) as part of a complicated scheme to fund Nicaraguan anti-communist Contra rebels. At the time, Congress forbade direct U.S. aid to the Contras.

Then, in the aftermath of the 1991 Gulf War, President George H.W. Bush stood by listlessly as Saddam used helicopter gunships to gas Kurds and Shiites. More than a decade later, President George W. Bush went to war to destroy those weapons of mass destruction, after they no longer existed.

Meanwhile, Vice President Dick Cheney's former company, Halliburton, is being investigated by a grand jury for possibly violating federal sanctions by operating in Iran during Cheney's time as CEO. Today, Cheney is the last major holdout claiming extensive al-Qaida ties with Saddam.

Here's the real story: Overthrowing Saddam has opened up Iraq to Iran, which has among other things, allowed al-Qaida agents to infiltrate Iraq. The Iraqi defense and interior ministers both accuse Iran of fomenting terrorism and have threatened military retaliation inside Iran.

With the U.S. military stretched tightly, it has no capability to back up such bluster even if it wanted to. Washington already



has to turn a half-blind eye to the nuclear ambitions of North Korea and ignore the Taliban ties of many Pakistani officials and warlords.

Perhaps Iran really is reforming internally, as a newly released report on Foreign Relations study headed by former national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski and

former CIA Director Robert Gates argues. Perhaps the United States should more urgently seek dialogue with the government in Tehran and hope that diplomacy will produce better results than this has so far.

Given the resources the administration has squandered in Iraq, it might have no other choice.

USA Patriot Act is guilty only of making us safer

By PAUL ROSENZWEIG

WASHINGTON
Falsehood, according to Mark Twain's famous dictum, goes half-around the world before the truth even gets its shoes on.

Time and again, outlandish stories seem to grow legs and find wide distribution before the truth can catch up.

A good example is the USA Patriot Act. It's so broadly demonized now, you'd never know it passed with overwhelming support in the days immediately after Sept. 11, 2001.

Critics point the Patriot Act as a cauldron of abuse and a threat to civil liberties. Advocacy groups run ads depicting anonymous hands tearing up the Constitution and a fearful old man fearful to enter a bookstore. Prominent politicians who voted for the act call for a complete overhaul, if not outright repeal.

But the truth is catching up. And the first truth is that the Patriot Act was absolutely critical to protect America's security.

Before 9/11, our law enforcement and intelligence agencies were limited by law in what information they could share with each other.

The Patriot Act tore down that wall — and officials have praised the act's value.

As former Attorney General Janet Reno told the 9/11 commission, "Generally everything that's been done in the Patriot Act has been helpful. I think, while at the same time maintaining the balance with respect to civil liberties."

And as Attorney General John Ashcroft's recent report to Congress makes clear, this change in the law has real, practical consequences.

Information-sharing facilitated by the Patriot Act, for example, was critical to the successful dismantling of terror cells in Portland, Ore., Lackawanna, N.Y., and Virginia. Likewise, the information-sharing provisions contained in the act assisted the prosecution in San Diego of those involved with an al-Qaida drugs-for-weap-

ons plot involving Stinger anti-aircraft missiles.

It also aided in the prosecution of Ensam Amrout, an individual who had a long-standing relationship with Osama bin Laden and who used his charity organization to obtain funds illicitly from unsuspecting Americans for terrorist organizations, such as al-Qaida, and to serve as a channel for people to contribute money knowingly to such groups.

These are not trivial successes. On the contrary, they're part of an enormous, ongoing effort to protect America from further terrorist attacks.

We cannot, of course, say that the Patriot Act alone can stop terrorism. But every time we successfully use the new tools at our disposal to thwart a terrorist organization, that's a victory.

Yet, remarkably, some of these vital provisions allowing the exchange of information between law enforcement and intelligence agencies will expire at the end of next year. So here's a second truth: If Congress does nothing, then parts of the law will return to where they were on the

day before 9/11 — to a time when our government couldn't, by law, connect all the dots. Nobody wants a return to those days, but that is where we are headed if Congress does not set aside its partisan debates.

But what of the abuses, you ask? Time for a third truth: There is no abuse of the Patriot Act. None. The Justice Department's inspector general (who is required by the Patriot Act to examine the use of the act and report any abuse twice a year) has reported that there have been no instances in which the Patriot Act has been invoked to infringe on civil rights or civil liberties.

Others agree. For example, at a Judiciary Committee hearing on the Patriot Act, Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California said: "I have never had a single abuse of the Patriot Act reported to me. My staff... asked [the American Civil Liberties Union] for instances of actual abuses. They... said they had none."

So the fiction of abuse can be laid to rest. The government is not, to take but one popular myth, invading libraries and scouring your book records. It's a conve-

nient fiction that calls to mind (as Joseph Buttm, a contributor to The Weekly Standard, has written) the appealing image of "white-haired and apple-cheeked [librarians] resisting as best they can the terrible forces of McCarthyism, evangelical Christian book-burning, middle-class hypocrisy, and Big Brother government." But no matter how appealing the image, it has no more reality than any good Hollywood movie.

Government's obligation is a dual one: to provide security against violence and to preserve civil liberty. This is not a zero-sum game.

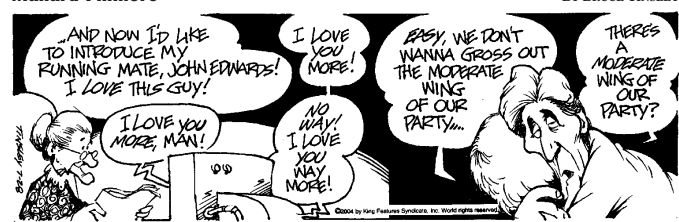
We can achieve both goals if we empower government to do sensible things while exercising oversight to prevent any real abuses of authority. The Patriot Act, with its reasonable extension of authority to allow the government to act effectively with appropriate oversight rules, meets this goal.

And the truth eventually catches up to the fiction.

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Mallard Fillmore

By BRUCE TINSLEY



Highway projectile

NY NEW YORK — A 60- to 70-foot concrete slab fell from an overpass on the Grand Central Parkway, severely injuring one person and shutting down the highway in both directions, officials said.

The 47-year-old man suffered severe lacerations to his right leg and forehead and was taken to Elmhurst Hospital Center, police said.

A contractor for the Department of Transportation, Cal-Trans, had been doing work in preparation for the removal of the Steinway Street overpass, which is scheduled for next week, Department of Transportation spokesman Tom Cocola said.

Crime rate down

IL CHICAGO — The crime rate in Illinois dropped last year to the lowest level in more than three decades, according to Illinois State Police records. The total number of serious crimes reported per capita statewide was 497.693 in 2003, down from 518.379 the previous year. That's 39 crimes per 1,000 people last year, down from 41.7 crimes per 1,000 in 2002.

Camp not suitable home

SC ROCK HILL — The state Social Services Department took custody of a 9-year-old girl who was living with her mother and stepfather in a makeshift campsite near Blacksburg. Officials found the family near a campfire pit, wooden outhouse and three tents they had called home for much of the past year. The girl was reported in good health and did not require medical attention.

Sculpture swindler

NY NEW YORK — The manager of an Upper East Side warehouse has been arrested in the theft of \$200,000 worth of sculptures from the storage facility, police said.

John Rett, 49, of Valley Stream, N.Y., was arrested on charges of grand larceny and criminal possession of stolen property, police said in a statement.

The sculptures, reportedly works by an artist named Lobo, were stolen from the warehouse, Cirkor's Hayes, on April 20. Police said four of the sculptures were recovered in New York, and three were found in London.

Pharmacy crackdown

NE OMAHA — A new state law requires mail-order pharmacies working in the state to employ at least one full-time pharmacist holding a Nebraska pharmacist's license. State officials say the law is aimed at giving the Nebraska Board of Pharmacy more power to protect residents against unsafe drugs. Some patients are upset they may no longer be able to buy drugs from cheaper, out-of-state pharmacies.

Forced donations

NM SANTA FE — Some city employees represented by

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

a union are angry that they were forced to donate sick leave to an account for employees with medical emergencies. The one-time donation of eight hours of leave came out of employees' most recent paychecks.

More than a litterbug

OH CINCINNATI — A driver pulled over for littering fled a deputy and slammed his car into a utility pole, splitting the vehicle in half and killing four passengers, authorities said.

The driver fled before emergency personnel arrived at the crash, Hamilton County sheriff's officers said. Officers said they found a loaded handgun and 5 1/2 pounds of hallucinogenic mushrooms at the scene.

About four hours later, authorities received a 911 call seeking help for a man reportedly injured in a bicycle crash. They determined the man, Jarred Hunler, was actually the driver of the car and arrested him.

Mystic con artist

CO LONGMONT — A woman claiming to be a psychic has been arrested after police say she conned people out of hundreds of thousands of dollars.



Strange sightings

Duelmaster "Ucam" from the DuelMasters trading card game walks the floor at the San Diego convention center during the Comic-Con International Convention.

Cmdr. Craig Earhart said police were contacted earlier this month by a woman who said she lost \$50,000 in cash to Sonia Lorraine Adams, 25. Adams was known as "Psychic Victoria."

Police said Adams sold customers expensive "crystals" — really rose quartz stones — that were supposed to heal illnesses or cast away bad karma.

New light-rail service

CA LOS ANGELES — A groundbreaking ceremony was held at Union Station to kick off the Eastside Gold Line that will provide light-rail service to East Los Angeles. The \$898 million, six-mile extension of the Gold Line will run through Boyle Heights to East Los Angeles, where about 130,000 residents rely heavily on public transportation. The line is expected to open in 2009.

No more curfew law

IN INDIANAPOLIS — A federal judge threw out Indiana's curfew law, ruling that the measure infringes on parental rights and ordering the state to stop enforcing the ban.

The Indiana Civil Liberties Union challenged the law on behalf of a woman who complained that it prohibited her 17-year-old daughter from being out late without adult supervision, even if she had given the teen permission to do so.

A spokeswoman for Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter declined to comment on the ruling, saying state officials had not finished reviewing it. State lawmakers revised the previous law after it was overturned in January by the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago.

Mystery samaritan sought

MA BOSTON — A stranger on a bicycle saved the life of a 70-year-old man who was suffering a heart attack. Now the man's family is seeking the mysterious rescuer's identity.

Pasquale Barone, 70, collapsed June 24 after the first toss of his daily boogie game.

But a bicyclist pulled over and performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation until firefighters arrived with a portable defibrillator — and Barone's doctor said the CPR could well have saved his life.

The bicyclist, who boogie court regulars said they had never seen before, has never been seen since.

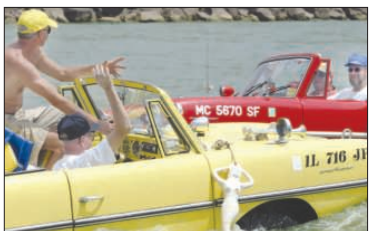
Barone himself insists that his life was saved by an angel sent by St. Anthony — and, given the mysterious appearance of the stranger, that theory has gained some support among his family and friends.

Earth-friendly diesel

AR LITTLE ROCK — Officials at three school districts in Pulaski County said they plan to continue using a biodiesel fuel blend in 149 school buses. The districts were part of a pilot program in which the state reimbursed districts for the extra costs of using the fuel. Officials said the fuel cost about 20 cents more per gallon but delivered greater efficiency.



At the finish line Rabbi Mark Mallach hugs his wife Genya Mallach moments after dipping the front wheel of his bicycle into the ocean at St. Augustine Beach, Fla. Mallach completed a 2,383-mile cross-country bike ride, called the Ridin' Rebbe Tour 2004, that started in San Diego and ended in St. Augustine.



Car surfing Dave "The Wave" Derer, left, slides his Amphicar amphibious vehicle past Chuck Reiner on Grand Lake St. Mary's near Celina, Ohio. About 60 amphibious cars are expected to take part in the Celina Lake Festival as part of the Amphicar Owners Club's annual convention.



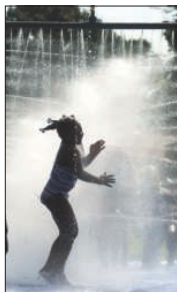
Here piggy piggy piggy Firefighters work to control "Baby," a potbelly pig, as a fire closes in around them in Santa Clarita, Calif.



Dancing the day away Kaitlyn Leonard, a middle school teacher from Chatham, N.J., center, leads her group in an improvised dance step during classes for teachers at Lincoln Center in New York. With Leonard are teachers Sarah McGowan, center left, of the Bronx, N.Y., and Ale Dawson, center right, of New York.



Off in outer space Alan Hurlbert, 5, views a life-size replica of an astronaut at a celebration of the 35th anniversary of Apollo 11 at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.



Keeping cool Six-year-old Khajia Cox's pigtail spins as she twirls through a water mister set up by the Kokomo, Ind., Fire Department at the Kokomo Community Day Care Center.



What's that in the sky? A group of children watch from their bicycles as a balloon belonging to James Wannemacher makes its way along the Great Miami River, looking for a place to land, on the first day of the Ohio Challenge Hot Air Balloon Festival in Middletown, Ohio.

Cranberry expansion

NJ TRENTON — Over the objections of environmentalists, the state Supreme Court cleared the way for limited expansion by commercial cranberry growers in the Pinelands National Reserve. The ruling allows up to 300 more acres of cranberry bogs. The high water table and sandy, acidic soil of the Pinelands are ideal for growing cranberries. New Jersey has nearly 50 cranberry farms.

Cop's shooter released

MI JACKSON — A man who spent nearly 30 years behind bars for shooting a police officer was released from prison Saturday and is seeking a liver transplant.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm commuted Maurice Carter's life sentence because of his rapidly deteriorating health. He was convicted of wounding an off-duty police officer in 1973, but maintained his innocence.

Carter, 60, has been diagnosed with hepatitis C and cirrhosis of the liver. He plans to get medical care while awaiting evaluation for a transplant he was unlikely to receive in prison.

School scores delayed

VA RICHMOND — The state Board of Education voted to delay for one year a requirement that school divisions use the scores of new social studies exams as a factor to determine accreditation.

Poor results at many school divisions prompted local superintendents to notify state education officials and call for a review of the tests.

Online arrest records

PA PITTSBURGH — All arrests in Allegheny County will be published online beginning Aug. 1, officials said. Information will stay online for three days. Details of a particular incident will have to be sought from local police. County officials eventually want to post arrest records and conviction records online.

Fishing for an infection

TX VICTORIA — Two men from Houston have been hospitalized in Victoria after contracting a bacterial infection while wade-fishing in a Port O'Connor bay.

Both men, whose names were not released, had open wounds through which the *Vibrio vulnificus* bacteria entered their bodies while they fished late last week, the Victoria Advocate reported in its Thursday editions. The men had been fishing a few yards apart.

One man was in critical condition and had to have his foot amputated. The other was listed as stable at Citizens Medical Center.

LD med students file suit

CA HAYWARD — Would-be California medical students with learning disabilities filed a discrimination suit this week saying their prospects of becoming doctors are being thwarted because

they aren't given enough time on the medical school entrance exam.

The proposed class-action suit was filed by four students and two advocacy groups. It argues that students who have trouble reading are capable of learning and practicing medicine, provided they're given enough time to complete the Medical College Admission Test in a distraction-free setting.

"Without accommodations, I really can't show what abilities I have," said Brendan Pierce, 28, who has dyslexia and attention deficit disorder. He said he's been given extra time on his exams since junior high and has done well in school.

Employee robs bank

ME BANGOR — A Milbridge woman pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court Wednesday to embezzling \$47,000 from a Cherry-field bank where she worked for just 35 days.

Jessica Beal, 22, faces up to 30 years in prison and a fine of up to \$1 million.

Beal stole the money while she was an employee at a Union Trust Company branch where she worked from April 29 to June 2, 2003, according to court documents. Her job included depositing money into the vault and delivering currency from the vault to tellers.

Famous fly shop closes

TX AUSTIN — The Austin Angler, a fly fishing shop made famous when it was featured in a Visa credit card commercial, is closing after more than two decades in business.

The shop in downtown Austin was portrayed as a quirky little business that emphatically did not take American Express. The ad first aired during the 1985 Super Bowl.

Owner Larry Sunderland said that after surviving three economic slumps, the shop couldn't compete with the new technology of retailing. The shop is closing July 31.

"You have people selling at a discount on eBay, and they don't charge sales tax. I could do this, but I choose not to. That isn't why I was in business," Sunderland said.

Deadly building collapse

FL HOBE SOUND — A town house collapsed during construction, and rescue crews found the bodies of two workers in the rubble. Five other workers were injured.

Most of the workers were pouring and smoothing concrete for the condominium's third floor when it fell to the ground level without warning 20 miles north of West Palm Beach.

Friends and family members of the workers gathered at the scene overnight, praying and begging as rescue and construction workers used cranes to comb through the jumble of wrecked building forms and slumped concrete.

The victims worked for Macs Construction in Delray Beach, Martin County sheriff's office spokeswoman Jenell Atlas said. The town house is owned by Allied Capital and Development LLC.

Photos and stories from wire services

Horoscope

Neptune and Uranus are involved in a sort of really check now.

Strokes of brilliance are featured — not so much the product of individual genius but having more to do with the way people bounce their intelligence off of one another. It's as though we're all adding our part to a big cosmic soup of creative solutions. Major discoveries happen.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

JULY 28. You express yourself beautifully this year, and the world gives you specifically what you want because of your improved communication skills. Next month, love opens its arms.

You'll feel empowered to direct a relationship toward what you have in mind. October is the best time to travel — you'll find cheap deals and meet quality people.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Today brings shows of affection, and some of these are public. With all of this societal stress, don't forget to breathe. Once you're calm and centered, you'll be able to interact gracefully with whatever comes your way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may find your immediate surroundings aren't providing the huge obstacle before you. Outside resources are required. Check out a biography of someone you admire.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You may have to toss those pre-the-sky romantic notions and turn them down to Earth. Practical issues must be faced, but partners are more sensible than you think they'll be. Work calls for your most mature, evolved self.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Get rest because the extra could wear on your immune system. Dear friends may be going through problems, and you're the crying shoulder. Though you love to help, keep your exposure to a minimum.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll meet new people and be impressed by just how friendly and open the world can be. The key is entering

environments that seem to be properly set up from the beginning. There's no reason for anybody to be disgruntled.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Loved ones want to be involved in more of your life's activities than you thought would interest them. You're just a lot of fun to be around. For those of you going through turbulence on the road to love, this will be a pivotal day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're up to some exciting business and will need to take frequent breaks to calm yourself down between one conversation and the next. Plans are coming together brilliantly. A close relationship approaches telepathic heights.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Mentally, you are powerful even if you don't feel physically up to what you need to do. Take a kindergarten-style nap in the middle of the day. Let your body regenerate now, and you won't get sick later.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Being willing to look at problems from a new angle is your saving grace. So what if you and your partner have fundamental differences? Maybe this is the exact reason you're perfect for one another.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You want to know the logic behind everything now. You've always thought that you just sort of fell into a certain groove with someone, but now, you may realize that you choose this person for a reason.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You not only act in harmony with your environment, you would say you're an instrument of peace. Without your contribution, the surroundings would be entirely different. Your personal ethics may need to be explored.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). So much depends on your point of view.

If you're doing something because you feel you have to, then your energy will be inappropriately drained. Take each of your duties, and view them as something you actually want to do.

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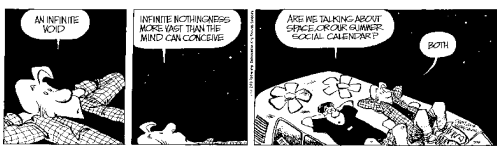
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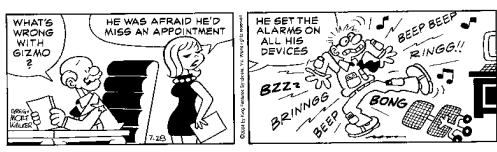
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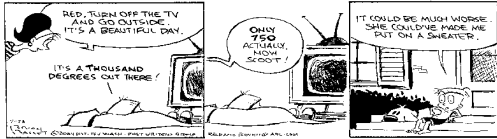
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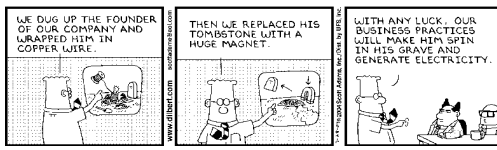
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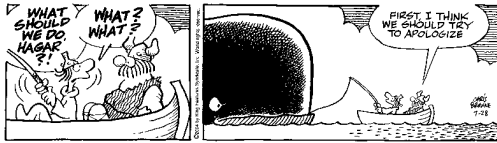
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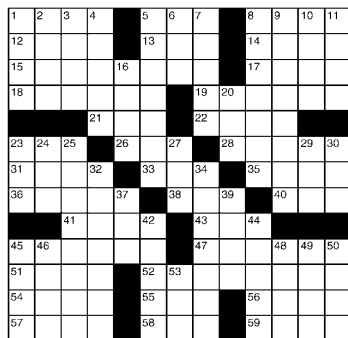
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 5 Clear the tables
- 8 Deeds
- 12 Having studied
- 13 "... rose — rose"
- 14 Unadorned
- 15 Celebration
- 17 Attracted
- 18 Art on plaster
- 19 Expiates
- 21 Addressee
- 22 Ms. Moore
- 23 Cleo's slayer
- 26 Kvetch
- 28 When pigs fly
- 31 Incubator noise
- 33 Lettuce variety
- 35 Appellation
- 36 Malapropist
- 38 Harvest goddess
- 40 Drag
- 41 "Hee Haw" humor
- 43 Milwaukee product
- 45 Baffler
- 47 Wreak havoc on
- 51 Jackknife, e.g.
- 52 Castaway's goal
- 54 Verve
- 55 Packed away
- 56 Stopper
- 57 Depend (on)

Down

- 58 Took charge
- 59 — company, ...
- 24 Witness
- 25 Grail seeker
- 27 Stickum
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- 32 Offspring
- 34 Shadow-boxed
- 37 Sleeve contents
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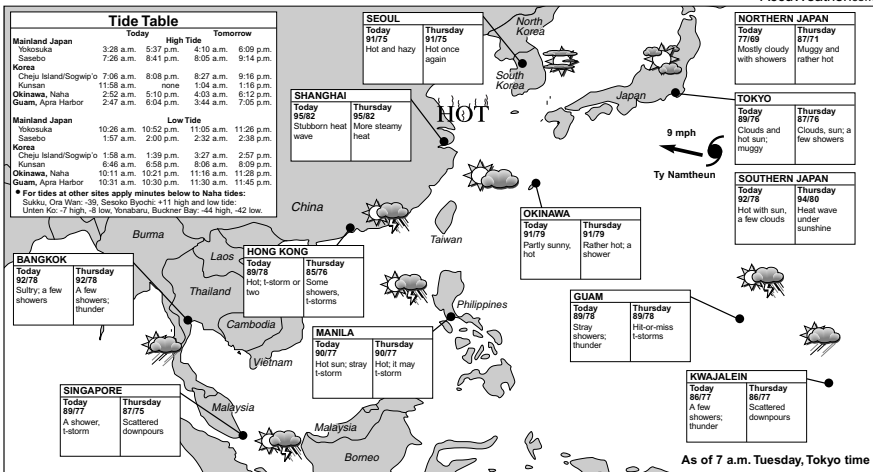
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 Today's Cryptquip Clue: S equals T

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Friday: Showers, high 85, low 75.
 Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 86, low 75.

KADENA

Friday: Showers, high 89, low 81.
 Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 89, low 79.

SEOUL

Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 90, low 73.
 Saturday: Thundershowers, high 89, low 72.

MANILA

Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 92, low 79.
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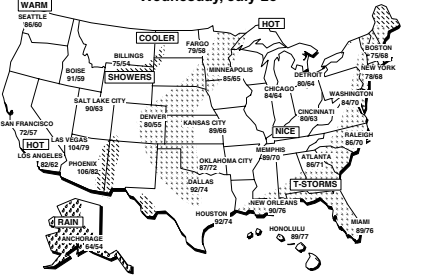
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 Saturday: Thundershowers, high 89, low 78.

Monday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	83/62	Los Angeles	86/63
Amarillo	81/58	Little Rock	82/63
Anchorage	63/55	Louisville	75/62
Asheville	80/66	Miami	90/77
Baltimore	79/70	Milwaukee	74/60
Birmingham	87/70	Nashville	78/63
Bismarck	94/63	New York	77/66
Boise	92/61	Omaha	82/59
Boston	73/62	Orlando	93/75
Brownsville	96/75	Philadelphia	80/69
Buffalo	72/62	Phoenix	102/82
Burlington	81/67	Pittsburgh	72/64
Charleston, SC	90/74	Portland, OR	84/59
Charlotte	86/70	Portland, ME	76/57
Cleveland	74/61	Salt Lake City	90/63
Columbus, OH	74/61	St. Louis	79/61
Duluth	79/56	San Antonio	86/72
El Paso	78/62	San Diego	75/67
Hartford	79/60	San Juan	89/76
Helena	91/61	Tampa	92/65
Indianapolis	73/56	Tulsa	83/71
Jacksonville	92/72	Washington	80/70
Kansas City	83/59	Wichita	84/60

Wednesday, July 28



U.S. Extended Forecast

An area of low pressure, with a trailing cold front south toward the Gulf Coast, will bring showers and thundershowers from New England to north Florida on Wednesday. High pressure behind the front will provide plenty of sunshine for most of the Midwest. Another cold front will produce showers and thundershowers in the Dakotas. Showers and storms will occur in parts of the eastern Rockies; the West Coast will be dry. A lingering frontal boundary will allow for clouds and some showers to linger along the East Coast from Maine to Florida on Thursday. High pressure will build across Ohio, allowing dry weather to spread in behind the front. A cold front in the Upper Midwest will bring showers and thundershowers to Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Wednesday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	89/70	Seoul	91/75
Beijing	90/73	Sapporo	77/69
Camp Casey	89/72	Seoul	91/75
Christchurch	50/31	Shanghai	95/82
Diego Garcia	84/77	Singapore	89/77
Hagatna	89/78	Sydney	62/45
Hanoi	89/77	Taegu	94/76
Hong Kong	89/78	Taipei	89/74
Honolulu	89/77	Tokyo	89/76

Wednesday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	80/77	Budapest	63/37
Athens	87/70	Buenos Aires	61/45
Auckland	60/53	Cairo	103/73
Baghdad	112/82	Cancun	86/73
Barbados	86/69	Cape Town	63/46
Barcelona	78/63	Geneva	76/61
Berlin	70/50	Istanbul	85/66
Bermuda	87/75	Jerusalem	90/68
Brussels	72/53	Johnsburg	61/34



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So great after winning six straight?

Armstrong's feats put him in the argument

On the toughest stretch of road, during the toughest stage of what is arguably the toughest sporting event in the world, Lance Armstrong put the hammer down and roared toward the top of L'Alpe d'Huez. It was a move of such breathtaking power that most of his rivals would have had trouble matching it while driving a car, let alone pedaling a bike.

It was also the stuff of legend. It was Muhammad Ali floating like a butterfly and stinging like a bee; Tiger Woods devouring Augusta National with his "A" game; Michael Jordan eye-balls-level-with-the-rim at his gravity-defying best, Jim Brown hauling a scrum of would-be tacklers into the end zone; Babe Ruth calling his shot.

Take your pick, since the easiest way to start an argument in any sports bar the world over is to do just that.

"Top three athletes of all time, without a doubt, and maybe even higher," said Bud Greenspan, the venerable documentary filmmaker of countless Olympics. "He keeps on winning, keeps on getting better, and what more can you ask from the man? The only drawback, it seems to me, is where his sport fits in the world of athletics."

On Sunday, at the end of bicycle racing's version of the Super Bowl, the 32-year-old Texan rolled into the French capital on what amounted to a ceremonial triumph and an unprecedented sixth Tour de France title. The five-deep crowds packing both sides of the Champs-Élysées shouted, stomped and whistled their approval as Armstrong — easy to pick out in the leader's distinctive yellow jersey — zoomed by in the middle of the technical or blur.

It was four days earlier, as crowds were nearly twice that large lined the road that ended at a ski



Jim Litke station 6,070 feet above sea level, that Armstrong secured the victory and cemented his place in the galaxy of the world's greatest athletes.

On an ascent that's so steep it is classified as "hors categorie," literally, "out of category," Armstrong rose up on his pedals and averaged — averaged — 14.5 mph. The feat crushed his opponents' spirits and paved the way for Armstrong to ride past the quartet of cycling's five-time Tour champions — Eddy Merckx of Belgium, Miguel Indurain of Spain and local heroes Bernard Hinault and Jacques Anquetil — and begin a fresh chapter in the 101-year history of the race.

"It's special to stand on arguably one of the most famous boulevards in the world and have your own national anthem played. And to have it done six times," Armstrong said, "is incredible."

The man is a dynasty. There's no arguing that, even if he doesn't return for a seventh bid. His victories have all come in a row, and at an age when all the other cycling stars were no longer dominating the Tour.

When you boil it down, cycling remains an individual pursuit, so it's better to measure his six-year run alongside the career achievements of a few other athletes: Hurdler Edwin Moses was unbeaten over the 400-meter hurdles for 10 years, a streak of 107 races; heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano put away 49 straight opponents, retiring unbeaten; Cal Ripken played in 2,632 baseball games stretched over 17 seasons, the last few in an era when some players went on the injured list if the wrong brand of shampoo was put in the visiting

locker room; Martina Navratilova won six straight Wimbledon tennis titles from 1982 to 1987; Wayne Gretzky collected eight NHL scoring titles; Jordan and Wilt Chamberlain seven each in pro basketball, and all picked up a few championships besides.

There's no such thing as an inclusive list and whether Armstrong gets his due will depend ultimately on whom you ask. Some fans, after all, are sure to argue that all he does is ride a bike.

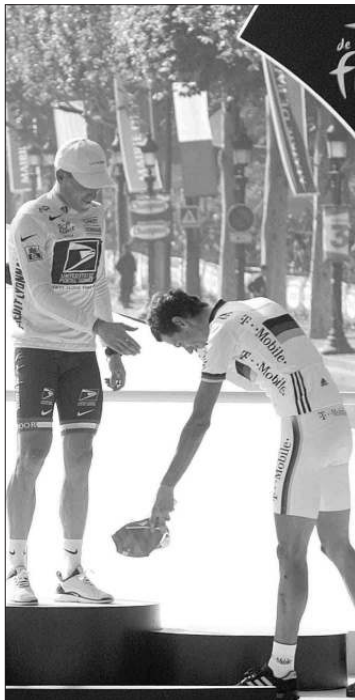
And so those who contend hitting a 95-plus mph fastball with a stick is the toughest thing to do, won't even rank his accomplishment alongside Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak. And those who believe hitting a stationary ball with a walking stick turned upside down will throw Byron Nelson's 11 consecutive PGA Tour victories in one season atop Armstrong's feat.

Because there are no rules, ultimately it comes down to arguments. What no one can dispute is that Armstrong, like every great champion stretching from Ruth in the Jazz Age to Woods today, has slipped the bonds of his sport and soared into the public imagination. The greatest don't just dominate a game, they grow it and change the way it's played and perceived.

Sales of Trek bicycles, the brand Armstrong rides, tripled since he won his first title in 1999 and the \$10,000, carbon-fiber, 24-carat, gold leaf-anodized model he rode onto the Champs-Élysées won't hit the stores for another few months. Similarly, Armstrong has forced millions of TV viewers back in the States to zap through their cable menus and find the Outdoor Life Network.

And how's this for an impact: He's even given the Post Office something to finally carry about.

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Second-place finisher Andreas Kloeber gives six-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong his due, bowing on the podium on Sunday.

Despite renewed passion, Armstrong unsure about '05

BY JEROME PUGMIRE

The Associated Press

PARIS — Rediscovering the joy of cycling was as important as winning a record sixth straight Tour de France title to Lance Armstrong.

Pumping his fists and chasing stage victories with the enthusiasm of a first-year rider, Armstrong was exuberant and daring throughout the grueling three-week race. On Sunday, the Texan completed his record-setting ride in cycling's showcase event, sipping champagne while in the saddle during the final stage.

This year, I had the motivation of a rookie," Armstrong said.

Sunday's final ride into Paris along the tree-lined Champs-Élysées was a lap of honor for Armstrong. Even Jan Ullrich, his chief adversary in previous years who had his worst finish this Tour, gulped down a glass offered by Armstrong's team manager through his car window.

While the 32-year-old Armstrong was clearly delighted to eclipse five-time champions Eddy Merckx, Jacques Anquetil, Miguel Indurain and Bernard Hinault, he expressed a greater thrill in renewing his passion for cycling.

"It's as if I was with my five friends and we were 13 years old, and we all had new bikes and we said: 'OK, we're going to race from here to there,'" he said. "And you want to beat your friends more than anything. You're sprinting and you're attacking. It was like that for me."

Eight years ago, Armstrong was given less than a 50 percent chance of overcoming testicular cancer that spread to his lungs and brain. He astonished everyone — including himself — by winning his first Tour in 1999.

He called it "a complete shock and surprise," adding that he never thought he'd win "a second one or a third one or how-ever many."

He had a burning desire to keep winning but still hasn't decided whether he'll compete next year.

"I suspect I'll be here what's not too summer. I suspect I'll be here. It's too big of a race. My only hesitance is I think the people and the event perhaps need a change, new faces, a new winner," he said. "If I'm here, I race to win."

This was Armstrong's finest Tour. He dominated in the Pyrenees and the Alps, and won five solo stages and a team time-trial with his U.S. Postal Service squad. Only one rider, Ivan Basso of Italy, came within him.

"I was surprised that some of the rivals were not better," Armstrong said. "Some of them they just completely disappeared."

Armstrong shook Basso for good on Wednesday's trying time trial up L'Alpe d'Huez.

The Texan also settled a score, convinc-

ingly beating Ullrich in both time trials — a crucial psychological lift for Armstrong after the German beat him by more than 90 seconds in the first clock race in 2003.

Although longtime rivals, Ullrich and Armstrong are no longer adversaries.

"I have an enormous respect for the way Lance rides," Ullrich said.

Belgian rider Tom Boonen won Sunday's prestigious final sprint on the Champs-Élysées, with Armstrong safely behind in the pack.

Robbie McEwen of Australia won the green jersey, his second, as the Tour's best sprinter. Richard Virenque of France won a record seventh spotted jersey, awarded for picking up points on the Tour's many mountain climbs. Vladimir Karpets of Russia wore the white jersey as best young rider.

Armstrong says he's interested in trying other races — the Tour of Italy, Classics, and beating the one-hour cycling record held by Britain's Chris Boardman.

Teammates try to cope with Williams' stunner

By BOB EMANUEL JR.

The Miami Herald

MIAMI — Ricky Williams' unexpected retirement created a potential maelstrom around the Miami Dolphins.

The opinions offered likely are tempered by the possibility — albeit slight — Williams could reverse field and return to the team.

Defensive end Jason Taylor declined to comment on the situation through a spokesman. Taylor did, however, issue a statement through a spokesman. "This certainly is unexpected, but I know I would prefer to speak with Ricky and hear exactly where he is coming from before I make any comments on his decision."

In another statement released by the team, Dolphins owner Wayne Huizenga said: "I understand Ricky has some things he needs to work out and feels the best way to do that is to take some time away from the game."

"While his decision to do so is surprising, I know our players and coaches will meet the challenge this presents. We have a good team, and we are confident that we still will have a successful season. I also know that General Manager Rick Spielman will continue to find ways to upgrade our team."

"I was definitely surprised," quarterback Jay Fiedler said, "especially with the timing."

O.J. McDuffie, who played tight end for Miami from 1993 to 2001, was more direct.

"He really put his team in a bind," McDuffie said. "He could have given them a little bit of advanced notice, and they could have gone out and gotten some quality backs.... It's really a

tough situation for the fans and the organization. It's his decision. He has to live with it."

"I was surprised, as everybody in the organization is," coach Dave Wannstedt said. "But it's a team game. Every great team faces challenges. Every great team has to overcome obstacles. And we have people at all positions that will do that."

Williams' agent, Leigh Steinberg, held out the possibility that the retirement could be temporary. Williams might be back in South Florida by the end of the week, Steinberg said.

"Right now he seems at peace with his decision and intends to retire," Steinberg said. "Whether it ends up being short term or long term, we'll have to see."

There is no debate about the sudden, gaping hole in Miami's starting lineup. Wannstedt said Travis Minor, who has never started a game in the NFL and has just 144 rushing attempts, enters training camp next weekend as the starter.

"I'm definitely excited about the opportunity," Minor said in a statement. "At the same time, I'm going to miss losing a teammate like Ricky, who has also been a friend. Hopefully, now I will have a bigger role, which I anticipate. I'm just going to work like I have been since I've been there, and I look forward to doing good things."

Fiedler, who must stay off former Philadelphia Eagles backup A.J. Feeley for the starting job, expressed confidence in Minor.

"He's been around here for three years," Fiedler said in a statement. "He's the heck of a back.... So we're going to expect

him to continue making those plays, just a little bit more often now."

How to replace Williams just adds to a litany of questions surrounding the team entering camp. Miami will have four new starters on its offensive line. The Dolphins also have three new key members on their offensive coaching staff, including first-year coordinator Chris Foerster.

Among the players available now who might fit are unemployed former starters James Stewart and Stacey Mack. Both are pounding runners who concentrate on going between the tackles.

"They're among the guys we've looked at," Spielman said.

Also mentioned was Chicago's Anthony Thomas and the solid group of runners in Minnesota — Michael Bennett, Onterio Smith, Mo Williams and rookie Mewelde Moore.

"I'm sure there will be some guys who come up as camp goes on," Spielman said. "We've looked at everybody's rosters and we'll call around to see what's out there."

Williams, who was believed to be traveling to Asia on Tuesday, said in a statement that he was contemplating the move for months. Despite his indecision during that span, he never consulted Wannstedt before Friday, when Williams phoned the coach from Hawaii to announce his plans.

"I was completely surprised," Wannstedt said. "My main thought process was to try to get Ricky to come back here, sit down, talk about some things and see if we can get this thing back on track."

"He obviously chose to go another direction."

quit their jobs with millions at 27 to go to room. But at the time, in his prime, wrecking a team's season, and we remove his right to run his own life because his workplace is our workplace, our escape."

The name-calling and hatred in South Florida?

"I'm prepared for that," Williams said. "It'll be fine."

Leaving all that money on the table? "I've been poor before," he says.

It's interesting, the way his workouts have been in the offseason, completely without the structure he abhors. He is in the best shape of his life, down to 220 pounds, and he did this by simply running and running and running every day until he didn't feel like running anymore. It was never 40 minutes or 60 minutes or 120 minutes. He would just run until his body and heart told him to quit.

And that's where he was today. Williams' heart has told him to stop running.

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NFL suspends Russell indefinitely for drugs

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Defensive tackle Darrell Russell, released two weeks ago by Tampa Bay, has been suspended indefinitely by the NFL after testing positive for drugs.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the troubled former Pro Bowler, the second overall pick in the 1997 draft, can apply for reinstatement after eight games if he is signed by a team.

Tampa Bay signed Russell in March, hoping to give him a chance to repeat the success he had before problems away from the field derailed his career.

Russell spent part of last season with the Washington Redskins after he was reinstated by the NFL following a 1½-year suspension for a second violation of the substance abuse rules.

The 6-foot-5, 325-pound tackle had 28½ sacks in five seasons with the Raiders and was selected to play in the Pro Bowl in 1998 and 1999.

Ravens sign three draftees

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — The Baltimore Ravens reached an agreement Monday on a five-year contract with defensive end Dwan Edwards, assuring that the team's first pick will be on hand when camp opens Thursday.

The Ravens also signed third-round pick Devarn Darling, a wide receiver, to a three-year deal, and reached agreement with fifth-round selection Roderick Green, a linebacker, on a three-year contract.

Woodson faces surgery

IRVING, Texas — Dallas Cowboys safety Darren Woodson will have surgery on his injured back Tuesday and will miss all of training camp and likely the start of the regular season.

The 35-year-old Woodson visited a doctor Monday, and the decision was made to perform surgery to remove a herniated disk. He will be out 6-8 weeks.

Cowher OK's 2-year extension

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers extended coach Bill Cowher's contract through 2007. Cowher previously was signed through 2005, but the team traditionally reworks his contract when it has two seasons remaining. Pittsburgh was 6-10 last season.

Steelers owner Dan Rooney believes it is much harder to find a reliable, proven coach than it is to locate any other element of a successful team, hence the fact Pittsburgh has had only two coaches (Chuck Noll is the other) the past 37 years.

Steelers sign Stars

PITTSBURGH — Offensive tackle Max Starks signed a three-year contract worth \$1.45 million with the Pittsburgh Steelers on Monday, leaving Pittsburgh with just one unsigned draft pick.

Starks, a third-round pick, was a left tackle at Florida but will get the chance to win a starting job at right tackle. His contract included a \$530,000 signing bonus.

The only unsigned player is quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, the Steelers' first-round pick.

Ricky: Williams' heart just wasn't in it

RICKY, FROM BACK PAGE

For months, ever since returning from a monthlong solo sojourn across Australia, Williams has figured he'd retire at the end of the upcoming season. One more year, he kept saying to himself, for my teammates and only for them. Even he envisioned himself quitting right after winning the MVP trophy for the Dolphins in a triumphant Super Bowl.

But the more people Williams told about his desire to quit, the more disappointed he became in their reactions, and the more convinced he became that he couldn't take those Sunday beatings and wake up in pain for others anymore. All the yea-people in the who always laughed a little too hard at his jokes suddenly became no-people for the first time, more interested in preserving their own place in the flash-bulb-filled universe than understanding why he didn't want to be at the center of it anymore.

Until the other day. When he

went back to those days when football was the most fun for him, back before money and professional responsibilities got in the way of what was once just play. He informed his former University of Texas coach, Mack Brown, that he was thinking about retiring right away, and Brown's reaction was immediate and freeing.

"Good for you," Brown said without hesitation. "Congratulations."

And Williams felt like a kid being let out into the playground at recess.

And then he was gone.

"No regrets," Williams said Sunday. "This feels right."

But we felt wronged. He owed us more, owed his teammates more, didn't he? So the name-calling has commenced — Loser! Quitter! Traitor! Drugie! — because Williams has dared to think and live for himself.

There are plenty of people booing Williams right now who would leap at the opportunity to



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Durazo, A's anxious to make playoffs again

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Erubiel Durazo wants to avoid the devastation of missing the playoffs, and keeping that on his mind has helped motivate the Oakland designated hitter.

He believes his teammates are feeling the same way. That's why many of them are spending extra time in the batting cage working on their swings and heading straight to the workout room after games.

Durazo hit one of four home runs by the Athletics in a 9-2 victory over Texas on Sunday that trimmed another game off the Rangers' division lead.

"We've been in the playoffs the last four years," said Durazo, who made the postseason with Arizona three times before joining the A's last season. "I've been in the playoffs a lot. I don't want to miss

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the playoffs. Our goal is to get past the first round. ... We've been working hard."

Eric Chavez and Mark Kotsay both homered for the second straight day and Eric Byrnes also homered. Rich Harden (5-5) made another impressive start for the A's, who took two of three from the first-place Rangers to pull within 2½ games in the AL West.

Oakland manager Ken Macha considered this a key series for the two-time defending division champions, who have become accustomed to surging in the season's second half. They've reached the postseason four straight years and lost in the first round each time.

The clubs play three times in Texas next weekend, then don't meet again until seven games in September.

"Taking two out of three, to me, shows the character of this club," said Macha, who watched the A's bounce back after the Rangers beat their ace, Mark Mulder, on Friday night.

Scott Hatteberg went 4-for-5, matching his career high. He's had four hits seven times, including twice this season.

Chavez hit a solo homer with two outs in the first. The three-time Gold Glove winner has 16 home runs this season, three since returning July 9 after missing more than a month with a broken right hand. He said he's beginning to get back in a groove at the plate, though he has to be cautious not to re-injure the hand. "I'm not sure" he said of returning to the level he was at before

the injury. "For me, it doesn't feel like it's been that quick. It's been a struggle. I wish it (the power) would have come a lot quicker."

The A's followed Chavez's shot with three straight singles, including Durazo's RBI single that staked Harden to a quick lead.

Byrnes hit his career-high 13th homer, surpassing the 12 he hit last year in his first full major league season. Kotsay, who had his second career multihomer game in Saturday's 6-2 victory, connected for his eighth homer in the fourth, a solo shot over the scoreboard in right against Rangers starter John Wathan (1-2) to make it 5-0.

Kotsay added a two-run single in the seventh and finished 3-for-4 to raise his July average to .388 (33-for-85).

Mariners 6, Angels 2: Dave Hansen and Bucky Jacobsen hom-

ered to back Joel Pinero and the big Mariners took advantage of Kevin Gregg's record-tying wildness to avoid a three-game sweep.

Gregg threw four wild pitches in the eighth inning, tying the post-1900 major league regular-season record set by Walter Johnson in 1914 and matched by Phil Niekro in 1979. Bert Cunningham threw five wild pitches in one inning in 1890, and Rick Ankiel threw five in an NL playoff game in 2000.

Pineiro (6-11) allowed one run and five hits in eight innings, struck out seven and walked none.

Ramon Ortiz (3-6) started in place of Jarrod Washburn, who missed his turn because of an inflamed ligament on the left side of his chest. Ortiz gave up three runs and six hits over seven innings, including a home run in the season, his first since June 22.

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Big unit dominates Rockies, but bullpen surrenders lead

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Randy Johnson walked off the field with his hat high in the air and his team in position to win. It didn't turn out to be a happy ending.

The Big Unit struck out 14 in eight innings Sunday in what might turn out to be his last start for Arizona, but the Colorado Rockies rallied against the bullpen in the ninth inning for a 3-2 victory that extended the Diamondbacks' team-record losing streak to 14 games.

"I had stuff that wasn't too bad for a 40-year-old," a Rockies pitcher said. "Randy Johnson said, 'Arizona has had preliminary talks about possible trades for Johnson, who is making \$16 million this year and is due \$16 million in 2005. The New York Yankees and Anaheim Angels are thought to be the top candidates to land the five-time Cy Young Award winner, who has a no-trade clause and says he would approve a deal only to a team that has a chance to play in the World Series.'"

Johnson, co-MVP of Arizona's World Series victory over the Yankees in 2001, tipped his cap while receiving a standing ovation after the end of the eighth.

"I've always appreciated the fans and acknowledged them," Johnson said.

"They're aware of that," he said of the trade rumors. "And I wanted to acknowledge what they've always done for me."

The deadline for trades without waivers is Saturday, a day after Johnson is scheduled to face the Rockies in Colorado.

"I'm looking forward to my next start against these guys," Johnson said.

Johnson allowed six hits and walked none, allowing just three batters to reach second base and leaving with a 1-0 lead. He low-



Randy Johnson, who was masterful for eight innings in perhaps his last start for Arizona, receives a standing ovation from the crowd.

ered his ERA to 2.68 and increased his major league-leading streak total to 174. Johnson has 198 games with 10 or more strikeouts, 17 shy of Nolan Ryan's record.

"We've seen Randy on a number of occasions and we really saw him today," Colorado manager Clint Hurdle said. "We got some people out when we put game on today." Hurdle said he saw him today. "Colorado manager Clint Hurdle said. "We got some people out when we put game on today." Hurdle said he saw him today.

He slashed upward with his glove after striking out Royce Clayton to end the third and pumped his fist twice after striking out Luis Gonzalez to end the fourth.

Arizona went 0-11 during a homestand against Los Angeles, San Francisco, Houston and Colorado and dropped to 4-30 since June 18. The Diamondbacks haven't won since beating San Francisco on July 8.

"It's been this way all year," Arizona manager Al Pedrique said. "Somebody in the bullpen needs to step up and hold that kind of lead. It's a shame to lose a game like today."

Reliever Mike Fetters walked Vinny Castella leading off the ninth, pinch-hitter Jeremy Burrez doubled off Randy Choste (1-2) and Todd Greene followed with a run-scoring grounder that tied the score.

Larry Walker pinch hit and grounded out, and Kit Pellow was intentionally walked. Mark Sweeney followed with a double off the wall in deep center field for a 3-1 lead.

Brent Mayne hit an RBI grounder in the bottom half off Shawn Chacon, who got his 22nd save in 29 chances.

Padres 3, Dodgers 0: Adam Eaton allowed one hit in seven innings. Phil Nevin and Brian Giles homered and the visiting Padres averted a three-game sweep.

The loss was only the third in 20 games for the Dodgers, who had won 11 of their previous 15 games against the Padres. Los Angeles leads San Diego and San Francisco by 3½ games in the NL West.

Eaton (6-8) allowed only Alex Cora's single in the fourth inning on his way to winning his fourth straight road start. He struck out three in seven innings and walked two.

Minority Otsuka pitched a perfect eighth, and Trevor Hoffman gave up Cesar Izuris' double in the ninth before earning his 26th save in 29 attempts and completing a two-fer.

Jeff Weaver (7-10) allowed two runs and six hits over seven innings.

Red Sox recharged after Yankees visit to Fenway

Boston's season looking up after series win

BY HOWARD ULMAN

The Associated Press

BOSTON—There's nothing like a series with the New York Yankees to fire up the Boston Red Sox.

With their season slipping away as the losses and lethargy grew, the Red Sox regained their intensity with a brawl, a winning home against the AL's best closer and a power-packed show that had Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry cheering and high-fiving his hometown team.

"As quickly as you can feel bad about yourself, you can turn it around and feel good," Boston manager Terry Francona said.

Even with Sunday night's 9-6 win over their longtime rivals, the Red Sox trail the Yankees by 7½ games in the AL East. That's a lot better than the other possibilities after they tumbled 9½ games back when they blew a 4-1 lead Friday night and lost 8-7, their third loss in four games.

After they won a 10-6 Sunday night on Bill Mueller's ninth-inning homer off Mariano Rivera, then persevered Sunday after Hideki Matsui's grand slam cut their lead to 9-6 in the seventh.

"These last two games were huge," said Johnny Damon, who had three hits Sunday, including a three-run homer. "It was a

World Series atmosphere."

The Red Sox nearly got there last year before losing to the Yankees 6-5 in the 11th inning of the seventh game of the AL championship series. That ended Boston's season in which the team was known for its intensity and its "Cowboy Up" mentality that helped them to rebound from adversity.

"We got the feeling back [Saturday] night," Kevin Millar said. "We had to get that swagger back that we had last year."

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Johnny Damon

Red Sox center fielder

fire in us."

Kerry saw that Sunday night from his seat next to the Boston dugout. He threw out the ceremonial first pitch then high-fived Millar after the first baseman's fourth homer of the series.

"He was fired up," Millar said. "I was just high-fiving the fans and his hand was the last one."

The Yankees, maintaining their usual even keel, weren't overly concerned about



Ben Red Sox's Kevin Millar gets a high five from Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., after Millar hit a solo home run during the fifth inning Sunday.

the Red Sox, who lead the season series 8-5 with six games left.

"You're never out of the race," New York manager Joe Torre said, but "I'm not worried about that. We don't play them anymore now for a while."

Like their team, Millar and pitchers Derek Lowe and Keith Foulke reversed their recent fortunes in the series.

Millar went 3-for-4 with four RBIs Sunday and 10-for-13 in the series with four homers and eight RBIs. He had just seven homers before that. Lowe (9-9) had one of his best outings Sunday night, when Foulke, who gave up Rodriguez's winning single Friday, recorded his 16th save in 21 chances.

Jose Contreras (8-4) was staked to a 2-0 lead in the first but struggled again while the Red Sox, allowing eight runs in 5½ innings. Contreras is 0-4 in five career appearances against Boston since the Yan-

kees outbid the Red Sox for him before last season.

"He wasn't good right from the get-go," Torre said. "We had a two-run lead and he just wasn't aggressive enough."

But the Yankees had a chance for a big inning in the eighth until a strategy play ruined the threat.

With one out and runners at second and third, Jeter lined the ball off Foulke's leg. It bounced to catcher Doug Mirabeli whose throw to first hit Jeter as Enrique Wilson crossed the plate.

Home-plate umpire Hunter Wendelstedt ruled Jeter out for running inside the baseline and Wilson returned to third. Gary Sheffield then lined out to left-fielder Manny Ramirez.

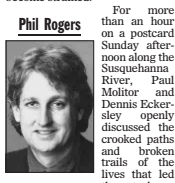
"The rule doesn't make much sense," Jeter said. "The home-plate umpire said that I got hit when I was lunging for the bag. The bag is not in the lane you're supposed to run in."

Molitor, Eckersley made inspiring journeys to Hall

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — Life happens.

Sometimes it brings unbridled joy, like running around the bases in the World Series or throwing a slider past men swinging bats.

Sometimes it brings lasting pain in buckets, especially when relationships between loved ones become strained.



Paul Molitor

For more than an hour on a postcard Sunday afternoon along the Susquehanna River, Paul Molitor and Dennis Eckersley openly discussed the crooked paths and broken trails of the lives that led them to baseball's Hall of Fame.

When Eckersley had finished his induction speech, choking back tears repeatedly while discussing divorce and alcoholism and acknowledging his wheel-chair-bound father battling emphysema, as well as his older brother, Wally Jr., who is serving a 40-year sentence in Colorado for kidnapping and attempted murder, Molitor's face appeared as washed out as he had been at attending a funeral. He admitted later he'd been crying.

"I'm very familiar with some of the things he touched on," Molitor

said. "His life ... it definitely hit me. I was emotional, taken to tears by it. Plus knowing Dennis, knowing his heart, a part of his story rings bells. I've been through divorce in the last three years. I had problems with drugs early in my career. I know how tough this can be for families. You have to try to make something out of it, to try to persevere through it."

Molitor, eighth all-time with 3,319 career hits, and Eckersley, once a 20-game winner as a starter and later a Most Valuable Player as a closer, were celebrated for their accomplishments in the 1980s and '90s.

Thousands of fans of the Milwaukee Brewers, Oakland Athletics and Boston Red Sox, among other teams, along with 50 Hall of Famers, turned out to welcome Eckersley and Molitor to the club. But when they returned to the center of this august village, they were probably talking more about relationships and survival than Molitor's short, quick swing or Eckersley's uncanny command. Eckersley and Molitor could not have been more gracious and less self-important. Both acknowledged the role spirituality has played in helping them overcome the obstacles they often put in their own way, citing their belief as Christians.

Both offered the usual thanks to youth coaches and parents but went where others have shied away, thanking ex-wives and children who have survived broken



marriages.

Molitor, who has had children with two wives, one daughter almost grown and another not yet a year old, broke new ground by mentioning a son he had never publicly acknowledged.

While saying how much he loved his other children, he slipped in a reference to "Joshua and better times ahead." Afterward he said that his son is in Toronto, born to a woman he was with between marriages.

"I haven't gotten to know him very well," Molitor said. "I'm going to try to find a way to work on that relationship."

Eckersley knows about complicated relationships. He married his first wife, Denise, when he was 18, and lived with her in Cleveland, where he was a 20-year-old rookie playing for manager Frank Robinson.

Paul Molitor, left, and Dennis Eckersley were inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in a ceremony Sunday in Cooperstown, N.Y.

AP

But she didn't move with him to Boston after he was traded at age 23, leaving him for teammate Rick Manning.

Somehow that hasn't kept him from remaining friendly with Manning. He mentioned Manning along with former teammates Buddy Bell and Duane Kuiper as his lasting friends from Cleveland.

Eckersley thrived for a few years in Boston but hit rock bottom at the end of a three-year run with the Cubs. He credited pitcher Scott Sanderson for helping him turn his life around after he had become an alcoholic.

"That off-season, after 1986, was probably the most difficult time in my life, personally and professionally," said Eckersley, who at 49 still has long, dark hair and a mustache. "That's where my life turned forever. My career

was going down and I was spiraling out of control personally."

"No one knew then, but I was facing a major battle with alcohol. I knew I had come to a crossroad in my life. With the grace of God I got sober and I saved my life. I was a new man, a renewed man." Eckersley stopped and gathered his thoughts. "It took a great deal of acceptance to come to terms with being an alcoholic," he said.

"That acceptance allowed me to come to terms with sobriety."

He again had to regroup before thanking his second wife, Nancy.

"Those were difficult, hard years," Eckersley said, "but you chose to stand by me. I am grateful for your love and support." His feelings for Tony La Russa, his manager in Oakland and St. Louis, also run deep. Eckersley recalled how after some difficult losses La Russa would leave a note his locker saying, "You're the best, Eck."

La Russa couldn't attend the ceremony.

"He wrote me a three-page letter that was very moving," Eckersley said afterward. "He told me he loved me, but in a macho way."

That's baseball. But for a little while on Sunday, the two newest Hall of Famers didn't let machismo get in the way of telling their stories. And they seemed bigger than ever because of it.

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Ricky remains tough to tackle

MIAMI — Ricky Williams doesn't know anything at all about the frenzy he has created in South Florida. What his wounded coach said Sunday? How his stunned teammates feel? The arguments all over this football-crazed city about whether his sudden retirement at 27 was extraordinary nobility or selfish stupidity? He hasn't so much as checked his answering machine.

"Why should I?" he said late Sunday night by cell phone from Asia. "Does it matter? I don't care. It doesn't have anything to do with me anymore. No one can reach me, and that's how I want it. For what? For people to put more of their excrement on me? I'm OK with it, thanks."

"Why do people have to be so judgmental about this? I'm going in search of the truth. Everything I'm doing in my life now is about finding the truth. Football isn't part of the truth for me anymore."

Dan LeBatard



He kept getting so much resistance at every turn.

Williams would tell people he was thinking about retiring, and they would try to dissuade him or call him an idiot or just start yelling at him. His agents, his handlers, his coaches and too many people with vested interests who Williams thought were his friends kept trying to pull Williams back, but all they did in the end was push him away — all the way to another country, all the way out of football.

"They made me quit that much faster," Williams said. "I don't respond to being told I shouldn't. It makes me want to do those things more. ... Everybody was being so selfish,

thinking that I shouldn't retire for their reasons instead of really listening to mine. I kept saying I'd be happier without football, but they didn't seem to hear that part. I'm convinced about this. I'm not coming back."

You think he sounds confused? No, no, no. He has never been quite so clear. All he ever dreamed about as a kid was being a college football player. That was the destination, not the starting point, and he rushed for more yards in college than any running back ever. He played pro football after that only because he was confused and young and lonely and depressed and unsure of who he was or what he wanted to be, and everyone else made it seem like it would be the greatest thing in the world, being a pro football player, even if the spotlight and the fame were never for him. He's still not sure of what he wants to be, but he's more sure than ever what he doesn't want to be — a football player.

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Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt speaks about running back Ricky Williams' decision to retire.

Seeing things differently



Red Sox batter Johnny Damon and Yankees catcher Jorge Posada watch Damon's three-run homer in the second inning Sunday in Boston. The Red Sox won two of three from New York to revive their hopes of catching the AL East leaders. See story on Page 31.



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